## **Israel ready to free Hamas founder'**

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Israel is ready to free the imprisoned founder of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, provided he rennances "terrorism," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israeli teleivsion Friday. "If Sheikh Yassin calls on his people to halt terrorism and states that he supports peace I will favour his release and even dialogue with him." Mr. Peres said. Sheikh Yassin, an was jailed for life in October 1991 for murder, incitement to 59, was jailed for life in October 1991 for murder, incidement to violence and possession of weapons. He is paralysed in both legs, and weapons to be health violence and possession in weapons. He is pararysed in both seps, and his lawyers have repeatedly pointed to a deterioration in his health. Sheikh Yassin fnunded Hamas in 1988, after the intifada erupted in Sheikh Yassin fnunded Hamas in 1988, after the intifada erupted in the occupied territories. Hamas, a rival to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank, is violently opposed to the Middle East peace process and the Israeli-PLO autonomy deal struck in Washington in September. Last week Hamas and the mainstream Fatch faction of the PLO signed an agreement to halt inter-Palestinian clashes in the run-up to self-rule.

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## Condolences pour in as Jordan remains in mourning over passing of Queen Zein

President Assad visits Amman to condole King Hussein

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein and memhers of the Royal Family on Friday continued to receive condolences from Jordanians and foreien leaders over the passing of Her Majesty Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Queen

The Queen Mother, who passed away on Tuesday at the age of 85, was laid to rest at the Royal Cemetery on Wednesday.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad visited Amman on Thursday to personally offer his condolences to the King, who visited him in Svria to condole him over the death of his son, Basil, 31. in a car crash in Janu-

President Assad, paying his first visit to Jordan in four years, was accompanied hy his Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa and Information Minister Mohammad Salman.

The Jordan News Agen-

cy, Petra, said the King and President Assad also exchanged views on bilateral relations and stressed the need to further enhance

Syrian-Jordanian relations. The meeting between the King and President Assad was attended by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, Rnyal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker

and the King's advisors.
King Hussein voiced appreciation to President Assad for personally coming to Jordan to offer his condolences and implored Almighty God to protect him and the Syrian people.

Receiving and seeing off President Assad were the King, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Their Rnyal Highnesses Prince Abdullah, Prince Faisal, Prince Hashem, Prince Hamzeh, Prince Talal Ben Mnhammad and Prince Rashed Ben Al Hassan, Dr. Majali, Sharif Zeid, the King's advisors,

other senior officials. Also on Thursday, the King received two envoys from Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat, who, earlier reports had said, was expected to visit Am-

Cahinet members and

man to pay condolences to the King.
Mr. Arafat's envoys who
were received by the King
were Abbas Zaki, a prominent member of the Fatch Central Committee, and Al Tayyeb Abdul Rahim, the Palestinian ambassador to

Jordan. On Friday, the King re-ceived a telephone call from Egyptian President Hosni Mnharak who offered his own condolences and those of the government and people of

Egypt, Petra said. The Royal Court meancables of condolences from present and former heads of state and prime minis-

### Al Fatiha recited

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein, accompanied by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassen, members of the Royal Family, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Rnyal Cnnrt Imam Ahmad Helayel on Friday visited the tomb of the late Queen Zein Al Sharaf where they read Al Fatiha (the first sura in the Holy Koran) for her soni.

ters, ministers, heads of national, Arab and international organisations, secretaries general of political parties, parliamentarians, ambassadors and representatives of the Jordanian community in America. Australia, Canada, Europe and the Arab World.

The King also received

King Carl Gustav of Sweden, Romanian President Ion Iliescu, Armenian President Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the president of the Comoros Federal Council, U.N. Secretary General Buntros Ghali, former Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, former King of Malaysia Sultan Azian Shah, Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papan dreon, Speaker of the Egyptian Peoples Assem-bly Ahmad Fathi Sorour, Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Monsa, Sheikh Rashed Ben Abdullah Ben Mohammad Al Khalifah

and former Egyptian Prime Minister Abdul Aziz Hi-The King also received cables of condolences from Secretary General of the Islamic Council for International Dawa and Relief Kamel Al Sharif, Deputy Director General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural



His Majesty King Hussein on Thursday holds meeting attended by His Roys talks with Syrian President Hufez Al Assad in a Prince Hussan (Petra photo) meeting attended by His Royal Highness Crow

Organisation (UNESCO) Adnas Badran, former Chairman of the Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs Akram Zueiter, the director of the Save the Children Federation, the director general of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the president of the Arab Contractors Union, the regional director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the director of Goethe Institute in Beirut, Patriarch Michael Sabbah,

the American Ladies of

Amman, the president of

the Lebanese Liberal party, wife of the Bahraini Crown Prince Sabika Bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Nasih Lahoud and Adnan Tarahnlsi, memhers of the Lebanese Lower House, Sheikh Nahyan Ben Mnbarak Al Nahayan, Bishop Boulus Al Souqi of the Orthodox Syrian Church in Damascus, Has-san Khreis, the secretary general of the Arab Doctors Union, and the president of the Arab Academy for Certified Accountants. Cables were also sent by

nian universities, maynrs and village council heads. secretaries-general nf political parties in Jurdan, tribal leaders, refugee camp representatives, doctors, engineers, advncates, hanks and companies' directors and presidents of both the Jordanian press and writers associations.

Lower Houses of Parlia-

ment, presidents of Jorda-

The Royal Cnurt announced that a condolences register will remain open from Saturday at the Raghadan and Basman palaces from 12-2 p.m.

# Israel and PLO sign Christopher given Israeli-plan for Syria on W.Bank, Gaza residents economy agreement

PARIS (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed a landmark economie accord bere Friday and called for financial aid from the international community to help launch Palestinian self-rule.

After several months of tough negotiations in the French capital, the accord was signed by Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Ahmad Qouriea, head of the PLO's economic department.



Palestinian economic chief Ahmad Qouries (right) and Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat shake hands as French Foreign Minister Alam Juppe looks on after Friday's signing of an economic agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (AFP photo)

between Israel and the future autonomous areas on customs tariffs, monetary pulicy. labour, taxation, agriculture, fuel prices, manufacturing, insurance and tourism (see sam-

mary on page 10).

Today we witness another cornerstone to the edifice of peace," Mr. Shohat said in a speech, ahead of the signing due to take place next Wednesday in Cairo of an overall agreement on the start of self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

"I want to emphasise and assure the Palestinians that I consider the success of their efforts to build their economy as essential to the success of

the whole peace process."

Mr. Qonriea called for "international donors and the World Bank to put an end to their reticence to contribute to the running expenses of the Palestinian administration."

Liberal economic policies would be adopted in the territories, he pledged, inviting

ary of State Warren Christopher with a "global" plan for peace with Syria which will be passed on to Damascus on Saturday.

"We have put forward a global approach which includes the type of peace, the principle of a withdrawal, the stages and some requests to the United States," Mr. Rabin said after two sessions of talks with the

secretary. Both men refused to reveal details of the plan for the Golan Heights, but officials say Israel wants Washington to guarantee security arrangements in a withdrawal phased over 10 years.

"We have presented our positions in principle to the secretary, all our conditions for reaching peace with Syria," added Mr. Rabin, calling for direct negotiations.

"My visit here comes at a time of great hope for peace," Mr. Christopher told repor-

"We now need to make progress on the Syrian track." He is due to return to Israel and hrief Mr. Rabin on Syria's

reaction on Sunday.

Mr. Rahin and Fnreign Minister Shimon Peres were "absolutely serious about this matter and have urged me to attend to it with the namost seriousness and determination," Mr. Christopher said.

"Tomorrow, I will travel to Damascus, I expect the conversations there to be as serious and substantive as the conversations here." Mr. Christopher echoed Mr.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Rabin's call for peace between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin presented U.S. Secret- "Our goal is a comprehensive "Our goal is a comprehensive

> Mr. Peres said: "We are looking how to open the road for meaningful negotiations with the Syrians. We are sincerely interested in making peace with Syria."

> Israel Radio reported that Mr. Rabin complained to the secretary that Syria was "dishonest" in demanding back all the Golan Heights while show-ing no sign of preparing for

"Syria is demanding everything but not even offering any confidence-building measures

"It's dishonest" the prime minister reportedly said. He also questioned how Israelis could believe President Assad wanted peace when he refuses

a face-to-face meeting.

The Israeli proposals include
an offer to withdraw from the Golan Heights in phases and plans for security arrangements to guard against use of the strategie enclave for attacks on Israel.

But Israel is not prepared to spell out how much it might yield of the land it seized from Syria in the 1967 war, Israeli government sources said. The Golan, turned into an airtight buffer on the border, was "annexed" in 1981.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad is demanding recovery of all the territory. Mr. Rabin last week gave him cause for optimism by saying he would not let the 13,000 Jewish set-

members of the Upper and

AMMAN (J.T.) — The gov-ernment announced Friday it land," Mr. Hammad said in mans from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Interior Minister Salameh Hammad said "new and relaxed" measures would be enforced starting Sunday because current rules for the two million Palestinians living in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were no longer feasible.

"The earlier measures were aimed at consolidating Palestinian steadfastness in the occupied territories and blocking israeli plans of pushing out

will be easing entry and re-sidency restrictions on Palesti-King Hussein Bridge. The ministry has decided to

review all measures related to the entry of Gaza and West Bank citizens to make it easier for them," Mr. Hammad told the Jordan News Agency, Pet-

Mr. Hammad promised to cut down on tough and lengthy procedures to renew Jordanian residents.

passports issued to West Bank Jordan reinforced existing rules on the entry of Palesti-

nians across the Jordan River

sparked by new Israeli mea-sures which eased travel for Arabs residing in the occupied territories. "Our previnus regulations

were to prevent the migration of Palestinians by Israel which has used different means to achieve that goal," a Jordanian official told Reuters.

"But now, since there will be a self-rule agreement between Israel and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) followed by the start of Palestinian autonomy which we hope will encourage Palestinians to stay in the occupied territories,

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## emen crisis flares into clashes

in September to curb an influx

SANAA (Agencies) - Fighting between rival army units has spread to South Yemen, southern officials said, and tension also rose in the north with accusations that sonthern troops spread out from a barracks there Friday.

The fighting has undermined efforts to salvage the four-year union of the former North and South Yemen and brought this country closer to possible civil

Officials in Aden, capital of former South Yemen, said de-tails of the new confrontations there were still sketchy.

They said it was unclear when exactly the battles broke nnt. But the sontherners apparently had moved against

the northerners to avenge the attack against their third bri-

speaking nn ennditinn nf anonymity, had no word of casualties in the new battles in Abyan province, 50 kilometres east of Aden, and Lahej Province, 100 kilometres east nf the southern capital.

In Sanaa, the northern-run Defence Ministry said Friday that southern troops at a base in Damar, 200 kilnmetres south of the northern capital, had spread out from the camp.

It said in a statement that the deployment of the southern Basaheeb Brigade came "at the orders of the separatist command in the (southern) Yemen Socialist Party to explode the military situation

Western diplnmats also warned that Damar could become a major flashpoint because it is on the main road that links Sanaa with Aden.

includes officers from other Arah states as well as Western military attaches visited Damar in an effort to persuade commanders to order the troops back tn harracks.

There have been no new reports of fighting in Amran. Political sources in Sanaa about 400 soldiers have been killed nr wounded in the fighting 50 kilnmetres from the capital Sanaa.

The two-day battle involved around 200 tanks from both sides and was the worst elash since North and South Yemen merged four years ngo, the

"I believe about 400 people have been killed or wounded," one political source said, a

figure agreed by nthers.
The sources said the situation at the hattlefield around

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### tlers on the Golan stand in the gade in Amran, north of Sanza, earlier in the week. (Continued on page 5) The southern officials, A military commission that South African polls judged as fair

White House last September. "It's the end of a long PLO chief negotiator Nabil oyage and the beginning of a Shaath said the final agreeew chapter in relations bement to launch self-rule will be ween the Palestinian people drafted when the two sides and ourselves," said Israel's begin their last round of autonomy talks in Cairo on Sunday. foreign minister, Shimon Dr. Shaath said drawing up The date was set by Egyp the agreement required "great

Self-rule agreement set for

see Mr. Arafat Tuesday night.

That is the eve of what Mr. Mubarak said both sides had

approved for signing the

accord to implement the

Palestinian self-rule declara-

tion that was signed at the

The Palestinians formed a working group two weeks ago for a clause-by-clause study of the accord.

It comprises nine international legal experts, mainly from the United States and Egypt.
Regarding the outstanding

issue of the size of the Jericho area, Dr. Shaath said that Israel had proposed 57 or 58 square kilometres, while the Palestinians had submitted a map "proving" that the Jericho district was 240 square

It will send 9,000 Palestinian Irilametres. policemen, some armed with machine-guns, to Jericho and

Cairo signing on May 4 Gaza, where Palestinians will begin to administer their own affairs. A timetable set last summer by Israel and the PLO called for implementation to begin last Dec. 13 and be concluded by April 13. However, negotiations stumbled over issues of secur-

ity, including the protection of several thousand Jews who live in Gaza, the size of the Palestinian police force and how large an area Jericho comprises. Mr. Mubarak, announcing the breakthrough in a four-way news conference with Mr. Christopher, Mr. Arafat and

Mr. Peres, said "some small

issues, maybe a little bit diffi-

cult," remained. The two principal ones were Jericho's size and the role of Palestinian police on the bridge leading from Jordan to the West Bank and a passage from Egypt to Gaza. Israel wants to screen out Palestinians, while the PLO is seeking to establish its authority in every way possible as a prelude to what it hopes will be state-

Minor unsettled problems include control of the tele-

cies) — Black voters grabbed their last chance to vote in South Africa's historic all-race elections on Friday when polling went into extra time.
Nelson Mandela, appearing

JOHANNESBURG (Agen-

presidential in a nationallybroadcast television interview, said that despite polling problems in some parts of the country he believed the voting overall would be judged fair. "I am confident we will be

able to pronounce these elections fair and free," he said. South Africa's financial markets, looking for stability under majority rule after the violent death-bed years of apartheid, appeared to agree. They surged on Friday in their first full session since voting began on Tuesday.
"There's the impression that

the election will be recognised

as free and fair and that there will be a settled outcome," one bond trader said. Neighbouring Zimhahwe,

one of the bitterest foes of apartheid since its metamorphosis from white minority-ruled Rhodesia in 1981, established diplomatic ties with South Africa. Foreign Minister Nathan

Shamuyarira said on Friday that following South Africa's election and the adoption of a non-racial constitution, his country was satisfied that political change was irreversible. President de Klerk also said he was confident that the watershed all-race elections would be declared free and

"We will have at the end of the day an announcement that this election... will be free and fair." he told a news conference at the headquarters of his National Party.

Mr. De Klerk acknowledged that there had been irregularities during the vnte, but said the complaints would be dealt with and should not affect the outcome. "There is no evidence to suggest that (irregularities) took place on a large scale," he said.

The head of the body organising South Africa's elections said that overall the poll had been an outstanding success. But Independent Electoral

Commission Chairman Judge Johann Kriegler urged the country to be patient during vote counting despite frustration over nrganisational glitches that forced an extra day's polling in six former black homelands.

"We are doing well, Kriegler told a news conference, "over-

all, an outstanding success." Urging parience, he warned that a breakdown in administration of the elections nn

Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday would have what he called "a knock-on effect on the next two phases" - counting and calculating the votes. "Let's maintain good order and patience such as prevailed throughout the country." he

Despite predictions of election violence and a spate of bombings early in the week hlamed on white extremists opposed to black rule, most balloting occurred in an atmosphere of calm.

Police moved to avert any further trouble from far-right whites by declaring 15 towns west and southwest of Johanneshurg unrest areas. That gives police expanded powers

to detain people and break up public gatherings in the towns, all pro-apartheid strongholds. "We did this to prevent conflict and violence in the nrea," said police Capt. Koos Degenaar.

Thirty-three white extremists appeared in court Friday in connection with the bombings that killed 21 people and injured scores in the Johanneshurg area. On Thursday, an arms cache was seized at a right-wing farm near Pretoria.

Chaos that marred voting in much of the country Tuesday and Wednesday subsided by Thursday. It appeared the majority of blacks, voting for the first time in their lives. stormed the polls in the first two days in their enthusiasm.

Voters in black-dominated

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Would remain in the region "to state in any way I can." He then flew to Tel Aviv for a meeting Friday with Israeli ione Minister Yitzhak Rabin. heir agenda includes the stalled peace talks Israel had been holding with three Arab counocs, Syria, Jordan and Leba-On (see separate story). Mr. Rabin will go to Cairo to

CAIRO (Agencies) — A his-toric accord to launch Palesti-

man self-rule on territories

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Agned Wednesday if a few

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an President Hosni Mubarak,

the played a pivotal role in the

breakthrough, even as Secret-ary of State Warren Christ-

opher abandoned a passive U.S. stance to help Mr. Peres

and Palestine Liberation Orga-

isation (PLO) Chairman Yas-r Arafat narrow their differ-

Mr. Christopher said he

be settled.

## Airlines prepare for open skies in peace Palestinian women

The Associated Press

NICOSIA — Arab and Israeli airlines are getting ready for a new era when the Middle East's skies, scene of savage air battles over recent decades. open up after a regional peace settlement.

A comprehensive agreement is still some way off, but major carriers are already drawing np plans to open routes between Israel and the Arab World that have been banned for 45 years. airline officials say.

Arah executives are reluctant to publicly discuss their plans until a peace settlement has been reached. But privately they say the potential for a major boost in tourism and eventually Arab-Israeli husiness ventures is a big financial

Adli Dhajani, secretarygeneral of the Arab Air Carriers Organisation, noted recently that peace "would definitely induce an economic dividend in the region's travel market" that could carry over into airline cooperation.

Israel, using French airline officials as go-betweens, has offered to allow Royal Jordanian airlines to fly over Israel to sborten flight times to Europe, informed sources

Israel says it is willing to do so if Jordan reciprocates.

Israeli Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar says talks are under way with Morocco to establish direct air links.

He said that Israel's national carrier, El Al, wants to fly over Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states to shorten its Far East routes.

The current 13-hour flight from Tel Aviv to Bangkok, for instance, would be cut to 71/2 hours if El Al is allowed to fly south instead of the circuitous route it now has to take to

avoid Arab airspace. El Al President Rapbael Harley said: "The shorter routes will allow us to be more competitive. I don't think that, with peace, the Arab countries will refuse to give us this free-

Arkia, a private domestic Israeli airline, is looking to expand throughout the region and said last November it seeks agents in Amman, Beirut and Damascus to provide ground and refuelling facilities once the Middle East's skies npen

Mr. Harlev said peace could hring once-unthinkable cooperation between Israel and Arab airlines, particularly at a time when the trend in civil aviation is for alliances between the major airlines to

carve up global passenger traffic among themselves.

This restructuring of the world's airline industry may propel the Middle East's carriers towards such aliances though whether this will mean Arab-Israeli cooperation rather than simply alliances between Arab carriers is still an

open question. That could mean some falling by the wayside. As has happened in the United States where the 200 airlines operating a few years ago have dwindled to a handful.

"Such cooperation will enable Egyptair, Royal Jorda-nian, Gulf Air and El Al to offer inint package, mainly in. the United States and we think the demand for this is promising," Mr. Harlev said. El Al already operates a

joint-marketing package with Egyptair and Turkish airlines the United States. "By adding partners and options, it will be even more attractive to the potential tour-ist to the Middle East," Mr.

Harlev said. Don Ciminelli of the Boeing Corporation, which sells airliners to many regional carriers. noted: "Once peace has been achieved, anything's possible. There's bound to be change, but it's not going to happen

"You're more likely to see Arah and Israeli airlines cooperation internationally before there's regional cooperation."

The catalyst to overcome the deep-rooted hostility between Arabs and Israelis may well be tourism, particularly in the Holy Land encompassing Israel, Jordan and the emergent Palestinian entity.

"Peace will hring a golden moment for Middle Eastern tourism, and that in itself could open no new economic imperatives that will bring regional carriers together," Mr. Ciminelli told the AP in Dubai

Tnurism is likely to be the Palestinians' main economic asset. France has proposed funding an airport near Jericho, the West Bank town where Yasser Arafat will set up his headquarters in the initial period of limited self-rule. The facility is likely to be

nutside the city. The Palestine Liberarinn Organisation (PLO) is believed to have plans for a new airport at Rafah in the Gaza Strip — with runways in Egypt's Sinai desert and ter-

built on an existing airfield

minal buildings in Gaza. Israel and most Arah countries have airport enlargement programmes underway.

Morocco

launches

# seek to boost gains

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Palestinian women's groups have succeeded in placing their concerns on the agenda of the broader Palestinian leadership, but are far from realising their goals, believes one scholar.

"The voices of Palestinian women are increasingly being heard," Joost Hilterman, director of the Kurdish project of Middle East Watch, said during an April 22 lecture at the Middle East Institute.

"There is clearly a new dicourse" among Palestinians, and their national leadership is beginning to recognise "that women's issues simply can't he wished away," he said. "But it's still at the level of discourse. It's not on the level of concrete gains — yet."

Palestinian feminists are wary of the so-called "Algeria syndrome," in which women who were once encouraged to participate in revolutionary activity are pressured to resume their traditional roles following independence, he said. This syndrome remains very real today for the Palesti-

Palestinian women are thus drafting new laws governing divorce, inheritance, domestic abuse and sexual harassment, in the hope that those amendments will be accepted by the Palestinian authority that will govern the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the Israeli military withdrawal, he said.

Mr. Hilterman, the author of a 1991 book entitled "Behind the Intifada: Labour and Women's Movements in the Occupied Territories," said he had not done on-site research in the occupied territories since

Consequently, his lecture focased on the history of the Palestinian women's movement, beginning with its incep-tion in the 1920s as an offshoot of the Palestinian national

In the early years, the activists were usually the wives of prominent Palestinian nationalists, and the two movements were "entirely intertwined," Mr. Hilterman said. He argued that while women

benefited from their associa-

tion with the broader nationalists movement, their concerns were generally subordinated to the overriding national agenda: "The modern women's movement has not entirely shaken off (its) past as an essentially elitist movement that remains closely linked and to some extent dependent - on the Palestinian national

movement." Beginning in the late 1970s and early 1980s, however, the movement grew as women activists began to mobilise grass-roots support. "Since the 1970's there has been an attempt both from the bottomup and from the top-down to mobilise the so-called masses of the population," Mr. Hilterman said.

The movement also benefited from women's growing access to education and employment opportunities, and from the fact that women were highly visible combatants in the intifada which began four years ago.

Women were basically running the street affairs" during the Palestinian uprising, and this activism gave the women's movement "a legitimacy and a profile" that it had previously acked, Mr. Hilterman noted.

Those trends were reinforced by the emergence of women like Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswnman for the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East talks. As one of the most visible participants in the peace process, she quickly became a symbol of the modern Palestinian woman. Other women, such as Zahira Kamal and Su'ad Ameri, made names for themselves as members of the "technical committees" that are planning the functions of the new Palestinian author-

They bave gained some political power and some political space for themselves... and maybe opened the door for others to follow," Mr. Hilterman said.

At the same time, he noted women activists have suffered some disappointments since the September 1993, signing of the Declaration of Principles by the Israeli government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Not only were women's issues 'largely excluded" from the text of the Declaration of Principles, but they were rarely mentioned in the underground leaflets distributed following the signing of the peace accord.

'It's symptomatic, because the whole political process is clearly exclusive of women's issues," Mr. Hilterman said. He noted that while most of the Palestinian technical committees receive money from the PLO, the committee on women's issues is funded by . . outside sources.

These kinds of phenomena are increasing the fears among women activists that the existing Palestinian authority is patriarchal and antidemocratic," Mr. Hilterman

"Their voices are few and they are part of an essentially male chorus," he said of prom-inent Palestinian women. "And this chorus is singing a

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Rights group concerned about Syria detail

LONDON (R) - Amnesty International said Thursdi written to the Syrian government asking about the fi human rights group said Syria, contrary to inter-standards and its own laws, frequently held political in without allowing them communication with the outside For the last nine months the authorities have been of ly silent about the fate of these men," it said. "No on their whereabouts and we are gravely concerned that it be subjected to torture and ill-treatment." Amnes ment said the 11 men were arrested in August 1993 at attended the funeral of Salah Jadid, whom it descri former prisoner of conscience who died in custody years in determinn without charge or trial. "Among the are Fadi and Usama Munir Jadid, nephews of the la Jadid," the statement said. "The human rights organis asking the Syrian authorities for information about whereabouts of the 11 detainees and requests that given prompt access to lawyers and their families at medical attention if necessary." Amnesty said that it men were arrested purely because they were associate.

Mr. Jadid then they were prisoners of conscience.

### Israei condemns genocide of Armeni

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel has issued its first condemnation of the Turkish genocide of Armenians. condemnation in the transfer of tradition of silence to appease its regional ally tradition of silence to appease its regional ally Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told the Israel to erase its record, even for some political advan said. The Turkish army massacred between one millinn Armenians in 1917 in long marches and throu methods. Israeli scholars have said that the Armeni cide approaches the German slaughter during World its scope. But Israeli authorities, anxious to maintain Turkey — long the only Islamic state to recognise the state — have avoided officially condemning the gend 1990, they suppressed the screening of a documentary genocide on Israel's state-owned television. Mr. Bell reacting to a recent television interview with the ambassador to Israel, in which the ambassador Armenian deaths were related to fighting in World Was not war," Mr. Beilin said. "Itt was most of massacre and genocide, something the world must ber," Mr. Beilin also told the parliament that relation Turkey have become closer in recent months, in the peace talks with the Palestinians and state visits to Tal Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Foreign Minister

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### Landslide kilis 20 in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) - A landslide in a remote province of Afghanistan killed 20 people and destroye of homes, state-run Radio Kabul reported. Rocks down the mountains outside the tiny village of Badakhshan province, about 400 kilometres porting capital of Kabul, according to the radio broadcast, mit in Islamabad. It was not clear when the landshide occur it usually takes several days before news from remote of Afghanistan reaches the capital. Hundreds of villagen reportedly left homeless, Radio Kabul reported.

### Canada apologises for Tehran incl

OTTAWA (AP) — Canada's ambassador to Iran hagised after an embassy employee insulted Iranian via cants, Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi said Ti "Regrettably this gentleman was under considerable st pressure and he acted in a very unprofessional was Marchi said. "The ambassador there made an apo which was the correct thing to do, and this individual reassigned given the pressure he was under." Amb Donald McLennan was summoned to the Iranian Ministry on Wednesday after the employee insulted who had dropped their visa applications into a instructed, at the embassy door. "An angry and in embassy employee then emerges out of the build begins insulting and abusing everyone in such a way the who know English wished they did not know the land the Iranian daily newspaper Hamshahri reported. Imm spokesman Andre Labelle said the newspaper's desc was pretty much that happened. Mr. Marchi said he reassure Iran this was an isolated incident. "To the be knowledge it was a question of the strain and things ci Mr. Marchi said he will also lonk at the atmosphere w to the incident. The Iranian Islamic Republic News said Mr. McLennan "apologised for an expressed region the incident and promised that similar cases shall not on

### U.N. peace bid for Cyprus collapses

NICOSIA (AFP) - U.N. mediation between the Gree Turkish-Cypriots to push through a package of confid building measures on their divided island have collapsed. envoy Joe Clark, a former Canadian foreign minister, actiledged late Thursday: "I don't have an agreement to report progress to report. I don't see much point to factorversations." He was to report to U.N. Secretary-G. Boutros Ghali next week, having failed to clinch a dealed deadline of end of April. Although the two sides had an avinciple on the package. Turkish-Cypriot leader. on principle on the package. Turkish-Cypriot leader Denktash finally rejected it on the grounds that it had modified to the advantage of the Greek-Cypriots. Bu Clark, following intensive talks since February in Nio Athens and Ankara, has dismissed the charge. Under package, the Turks were to hand over the deserted to coastal town of Varosha to U.N. control and Nicosia was to reopen under U.N. administration, 20 years at closure. Among the main stumbling-blocks was access Varosha, a ghost town controlled by Turkish forces

### 'Apostasy case saved Egyptian professor'

CAIRO (AP) — Muslim fun-damentalists who dragged a university professor into court to force him to divorce his wife have now declared they have done the professor a favour indeed, saving his life.

Sheikh Yousef al Badri. spokesman for the Islamie lawyers who hronght suit against Nasr Abu Zeid, ex-plained the fundamentalists' action Thursday as another chapter began in the court case against Mr. Abu Zeid. He said that without the

fundamentalists' suit as a legal way to battle Mr. Abu Zeid, the professor otherwise might "have ended like Farag Foda," an outspoken critic of Islamic extremism who was murdered by radicals two years ago.

The case of Mr. Abu Zeid. a literature professor at Cairo University criticised by the

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ings, has been watched closely by secular Egyptians. They fear the radicals are winning their battle for an Islamic state in small but steady ways.

The militants opened a campaign two years ago to oust the largely secular government and impose Islamic rule. More than 350 people have been killed in violence since.

The professor's lawyer, Abdullah Khalil, says the court case represents "a new trend the Muslim fundamentalists to try and impose their will through the courts... a new weapon to control peoples' Seven fundamentalist

lawyers filed suit last May claiming that the writings of that the writings of Mr. Abu Zeid made him guilty of apostasy, the denouncing of one's faith. They argued this

meant be could not be married to a Muslim woman.

Mr. Abu Zeid and his wife, a teacher of French, both say they want to remain married. He says his writings are scho-larly studies of Islamic literature. A local court threw the case out in January, saying the lawyers had no legitimate in-

But the lawyers appealed and hearings that could drag into next year began Thursday. The first session last only two minutes and then was continued until July 26 after Mr. Abu Zeid's lawyers asked for time to study the appeal pap-

Mr. Badri said radicals might have killed Abu Zeid if the court case had not been brought as "a gentle way" to deal with the issue of his supposed insults to Islam.

### In Memory of Salameh Twal

As a child, your best friend is the one who will share all your adventures, who is as mischievous and as curious about the world as you are.

As an adolescent, your best friend shares all your anxieties, dreams and expectations about growing up.

As an adult, your best friend is much more than that. He or she is the person who knows you best, who understands you without words and who is there when needed.

The sudden and untimely loss of such a friend is a tragedy that not even time can mend. A gap remains that can not be filled and your life is changed for ever. Too many things remind you of the good and bad times you shared and every detail of the past remains a vivid reality. The only condolence you have is that he lived a full life and

He has moved on to a better world and left us all behind to mourn and grieve and ask ourselves why? All that remains for us to say is farewell dear friend, we will always love you

always felt loved by his family and friends alike.

Anwar & Cosima

## family planning RABAT (R) — Morocco is launching a \$60-million family

planning programme aimed at reducing population growth from 2.2 per cent in 1994 to 1.7 per cent by the next century. Despite government efforts

in birth control, the present 2.2 per cent population growth remains high. Every two minutes three babies are born," Health Minister Abdul Rahim Harouchi told Renters on According to official figures,

Morocco's population is 26.2 million at present. To absorb population

growth at the present rate, Mr. Harouchi said, Morocco needs to build nine hospitals, 8,500 classrooms, 150,000 houses and create 280,000 more jobs each year.

The population doubled in 20 years to 20 million in 1980 from 10 million in 1960. "It is expected to reach 35 million by the year 2012," a Moroccan population expert said.

In a five-year plan, the Health Ministry will concentrate its efforts on rural areas where medical care is insufficent and infrastructure cannot meet the population needs.

"In November 180 mobile medical units will start a major medical campaign, including a contraception promotion prog-ramme in rural regions," Mr. Harouchi said. Half of the population lives in rural areas.

The units, described as mobile hospitals, will tour re-mote areas, where illiteracy is over 65 per cent, to explain new birth control methods. "We must struggle on all

fronts and with all means to

attain a 1.7 per cent population growth by the next century, to keep pace with economic growth," Mr. Harouchi said. With a large-scale medical education and information campaign, Morocco hopes to meet the objective of two children per woman instead of

four at present, experts said. In 1993, more than 3,000 doctors and nurses were involved in a contraceptive campaign which benifited more than half a million women, the Health Ministry said.

### very old song." Israeli censors block report of nuclear arms

The Boston Globe

ISRAEL's military censor has banned in its entirety a 100page article on the early political history of Israel's nuclear weapons programme written by a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a case that may expose the limits of one of the country's remaining policy taboos.

The scholar, Avner Cohen of Israel, has challenged the ban in Israel's supreme court, alleging that since his work is based almost exclusively on public documents, the censor is carrying out a political vendetta rather than protecting the country's security.

The high court has given the defence minister 40 days to explain itself in a rare case of academie censorship. Cohen's article was to appear in a book on the Middle East arms balance to be published by MIT's Centre for International Stu-dies, where he is a fellow. As an Israeli he must submit his work to the censor here or face prosecution upon his return. In the past few years,

Cohen, who has a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Chicago, has advocated more open debate on Israel's nuclear arsenal which the government has never admitted exists....

Discussion on many oncesecret subjects has crept into the open in recent years, from the work of the Shin Bet internal security service to the existence of secret commando unites in the army. But the existence of nuclear weapons is still seen as off-limits.

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### Government, committee differ over contradicting articles in sales tax law

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The chairman of the Lower House of Parliament Financial Committee. Ali Abul Ragheb, is disappointed with what he calls the government's "unreason-able" opposition to the recommendations made by his committee to amend the draft sales tax law.

"The government wants the draft legislation to be passed according to its own terms, and lawmakers would not accept this," Mr. Abul Ragheh said. The law, which created a

great deal of debate last year. is the main item on the agenda of the House's two-month extraordinary session that started April 17.

In the House's first session. Islamic Action Front (IAF) deputies urged the House to reject the draft low saying that it was imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and that it (the draft law) increases the tax burden on low income people.

In two sessions the House

passed six articles of the draft law. Article 5, as passed following the recommendations of the Financial Committee stipulates that the taxed goods and services should be specified in lists attached to the law itself.

However, deputies approved another article that gave the government the right to specify the goods to be exempted from taxation, contrary to the Financial Committee's recommendation that the list be made part of the law itself rather than a flexible set of regulations.

According to Mr. Abul Ragheb, adding a clause to Article 6 gave the govern-ment "free hand to monopolise" the list of items exempted from the tax. Mr. Abul Ragheb told the

Jordan Times that the gov-House with a "mutilated" draft law that has "doublestating" clauses.

He urged the government ot to amend the Financial Committee's recommendations because by doing so, "legal irregularities would follow as with Article 6 and 4." He said that deputies will have to review their votes on

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**HOME NEWS IN BRIEF** 

AMMAN (Petra) — Iraqi president's special envoy Khalid Abdul Munim Rashid Al Janabi Friday left Amman at the end

of a three-day visit during which he conveyed to His Majesty

King Hussein condolences from the Iraqi president and people over the death of Queen Mother Zein Al Sharaf last week.

Mr. Janabi, who is President Saddam Hussein's advisor, was

received by King Hussein Thursday. The audience was attended by the Iraqi ambassador to Jordan.

AMMAN (Petra) — Labour Minister Khaled Al Ghzawi Friday said the Labour celebrations scheduled Sunday at Hussein Youth City are now cancelled in mourning over the death of Queen Mother Zein Al Sharaf. Mr. Ghzawi said the

funds allocated for this celebration will be donated to Umm Al

Hussein orphanage in true commitment to the noble message

the late Queen Mother npheld. In a related development,

Secretary General of the General Federation of Jordanian

Trade Unions Khalid Shreim requested all trade unions and trade union committees to cancel any celebrations for the

WHAT'S GOING ON

Lecture in Arabic entitled "Horizons of Economic

☆ Lecture in German (with translation into Arabic) entitled
"Die Vettern Juha's In Deutschland Und In Der Turkei" by

A one-day exhibition by artist Zaidan Ni'meh entitled "A

☆ Exhibition by artists Dr. Ali Ghoul, Hussein Da'seh, Aduan

\* Exhibition of women's home-made products (including

☆ Exhibition by paintings by artist Bahijah Al Hakim at Alia Art Gallery (Tel. 639303).

\* Exhibition by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at the Italian

Language Centre (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) (Tel. 669348)

Drawing of The Poems by Poet Abdul Wabab Bayati" at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel. 695291).

Al Sharif, Abdul Hussein Tawaij, Salman Abbas, and Hafez

ceramics, sweets and handicrafts) at the Royal Cultural

Dr. Dieter Glade at Goethe-Institut at 6:00 p.m.

Al Droubi at Orfali Art Gallery (Tel. 826932).

Jordanian-Palestinian Relations" by Dr. Taher Kan'an at

Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in Jabal Amman at

Labour Day celebrations cancelled

the controversial articles when they vote on the law as a whole and expressed confi-dence that the lawmakers would vote in favour of the committee's recommenda-

Minister of Finance Sami Gammoh, however, told the Jordan Times Friday that deputies have to go back to Article 4 and amend it in order for Article 6 to be legally effective. Mr. Gammob said that lawmakers should trust the government to make the "right" decision in regard to the list of items that are subject to taxation and those excluded from it. He added that flexibility in taxation regulations ensures rapid adjustments when required to serve the country's economic and national in-

"Specifying the exempted items and tying the list down to a law does not allow for any amendments that may be necessary in the future," the minister said.

Deputy Abdul Karim Kabariti, who is also in the House Financial Committee, told the Jordan Times that pragmatism rather than ideological inflexibility is needed in dealing with this issue. "We have to judge matters by their end results and not by the means used to achieve those results," said Mr. Kabariti.

Mr. Kabariti described the House's debate on the draft legislation as a series of attacks and counterattacks, despite what he saw as the House's Financial Committee's efforts to base its recommendations on an allencompassing study in which many parliamentarian, governmental and political parties have been involved.

Mr. Kabariti, however, said that he expected the government to get its own way at the end of this dispute even if that was through the Upper House of Parliament, which, according to the co-usuation, can send back any draft law approved by the Lower House of Parliament if it is not satisfied with it.

Deputy Abul Ragheb, on the other hand, said that the government cannot afford to waste time as the draft law has been given the status of an emergency requirement by the IMF.



(ICOM) at the Royal Cultural Centre and high ranking officials-

OFFICIAL DEPARTS - Mali Presi- (RCC) where he delivered a brief dent Alpha Connary Thursday con- address. During his stay in the Kingcluded a three-day visit to Jordan dom, the Mali president toured during which he attended the funeral archaeological sites in Jerash, Ajloun of the late Queen Mother and met and Amman in the company of with His Royal Highness Crown Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Prince Hassan to discuss Mali- Talal Al Hassan. Upon his departure, Jordanian relations and economic the Mali president was seen off by cooperation. The president was also Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minisguest of honour at the opening of a ter Abdul Salam Al Majali, Speaker five-day conference organised by the of the Lower House of Parliament International Council of Museums Taher Al Masri, Cabinet members

## Royal family accepts condolences

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Has-san, Their Royal Highnesses the Princess and Sherifs and the Royal Family members Friday accepted condolences from representatives of all walks of life who called at Raghadan Palace to offer their condolences over the death of the Queen Mother Zein Al Sharaf.

Condolences were accepted from tribal chiefs, representatives of voluntary societies, social and youth sectors, mayors, heads of village councils, provincial governors, banks and companies' managers. Condolences were also conveyed by Palestinian delegations from the occupied West

Bank and Gaza Strip, representing all sectors of life. Crown Prince Hassan also accepted condolences from director general and secretary

general of the International Museums Conference. At Basman Palace, Her Majesty Queen Noor, Their Royal Highnesses Princess Basma, Princess Tagfirid, Prin-

cess Sarvath and Their Royal Highnesses the Princesses and Sherifs accepted condolences from director of Noor Al Hussein Foundation, representa-tives of Girls Scouts and Girl Guides at the Ministry of Education Schools and women delegations from various parts

They also accepted condolences from Sheikha Naila Bint Khalifa, head of the Bahraini delegation to the "museums, civilisation and development' conference, currently held in

## Workshop discusses stemming pollution, desertification

RAMTHA (J.T.) — Topics which include air and water pollution and means to stem desertification and bandle issues related to iodustrial pollution are on the agenda of a four-day workshop currently beld at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) in conjunction with the American University of Beirut

(AUB).
Addressing the opening session Thursday, Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Ahmad Aqaileb said that the rising danger of pollution from various sonrces has prompted Jordan to take drastic measures

Agricultural roads

AMMAN (Petra) - The slo-

gan for 1995 of the Ministry of

Public Works and Housing will

be "Improvement of agricultural roads in Jordan" and

allocations will be made to carry out the project, according to Minister of Public Works

The Ministry of Public works is in the process of contacting

governors of various districts with the purpose of identifying the needs for agricultural roads

to be built or the repair on the

existing ones to be carried out,

said Dr. Ensour at a meeting

attended by directors of plan-

these needs has been collected, work will start on preparations

for the implementation of the

projects, Dr. Ensour added.

Stressing that agricultural

roads are the main pillars of

the national economy, Dr. En-

sour said that the ministry will

make arrangements for includ-

ing sufficient funds in the com-

ing year's budget through the

help of the ministries of fi-

nance and planning for the

sake of implementing this vital projects.

Special attention, said the minister, will be given to roads linking the Jordan Valley re-

gion with the urban regions to

help facilitate the transporta-

In the course of im-

tion of agricultural produce.

plementing the project, the

minister added, the Ministry of

Public Works will cooperate

with the Royal Engineering Corps of the Jordanian Armed

Forces to carry out repair on

machines and heavy road

equipment currently being

used by the ministry in opening the Zara—Gbor Haditha road

in the southern Jordan valley

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to protect the environment and ensure sustainable develop-

Recent years have brought with them serious dangers to the environment, which is being threatened by pollution, posed in the form of desertification, encroachment of construction operations on agricultural land, excessive use of fertilisers and pesticides, the ever increasing population growth, threats to surface and underground water resources and solid and liquid waste, among other dangers, said the minister in his address to delegates representing six Arab countries gathered at JUST.

### Tarawneh represents Jordan at Nixon's funeral

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Prince Talal Bin Mohammad was not able to attend the funeral of former U.S. President Richard Nixon on behalf of His Majesty King Hussein bin Talal, due to the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Zein Al Sharaf.

Representing Jordan at the funeral which took place in Yorba Linda, California, on April 27 was Jordan's ambassador to the U.S. Fayez Taraw-

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Photo Competition Organised by

The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature

On the occasion of Arbor Day, the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature announces a photo competition, to feature nature in Jordan: Flowers, birds, trees or landscapes.

1. Each participant should provide between five and 10 slide-photos, printed, along with the negatives.

2. The size of the photo should not be smaller than  $18 \times 12$ 

3. Photos are either in colour or black and white Last date for participation is 20/5/1994.

5. Results. prizes and certificates of the winners will be announced at a reception, and an exhibition will be held on the occasion of the World Environment Day, Sunday,

6. The prizes: Flight ticket from Royal Jordanian Flight ticket from Middle East Airlines Carnera (Yashica MF-2) presented by its agent Yacoub Berberian and Son Co.

Four metal Electra frames of excellent quality, 25×30 cm, presented by its Agent Yacoub Berberian and Son Co. Citizen-watch presented by Michael Jewelery/Salt. PS: Studio Haig, Agent of Mitsubishi Flims, will also take part in this competition.

Board of Directors, Staff and Children of The American Community School offer their heart felt condolences to His Majesty King Hussein,

the Royal Hashemite Family and the people of Jordan for the loss of Her Majesty the Queen Mother Zein Al Sharaf

### World traffic week starts Monday

## Road accidents claim 90 lives in three months this year

AMMAN (Petra) - A total of 6,842 road accidents occurred in Jordan in the first thre months of this year, causing the death of 90 people and the injury of 2,844 others, the Traffic Department announced Friday.

The department director, Brigadier Ahmad Dmour who made the announcement, said that most of the accidents were caused by people not abiding by traffic rules and speeding.

Speaking on the eve of Jordan's observance of the World Traffic Week, which starts Monday, Brig. Dmonr said that a total of 24,799 road accidents occurred during 1993, resulting in the death of 440 people and the injury of 11,754 others. He added that 57 per cent of the accidents occurred in the Amman re-

Out of these numbers 16.555 resulted from vehicles colliding and 1,497 involved cars hitting pedestrians, noted Brig.

were children aged less than

Brig. Drour also noted that 61.2 per cent of the road victims last year and this year

According to Brig. Khaled Aref, director of the Drivers and Vehicles Licensing Department, in the coming week his department would focus attention spreading awareness among the public concerning accidents in which people are hat by cars.

He said that in the past years such accidents accounted for nearly 20 per cent of the total number of accidents.

Brig. Aref said that the accidents are caused not only by speeding cars and motorists failing to abide by the rules but also by pedestrians who fail to cross the streets at the crossing zones and the parents who fail to teach their children the traf-

Brig. Aref said that the Interior Ministry, in cooperation with the concerned social sectors and the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents has worked out programmes and seminars in the course of a week-long campaign to spread awareness among the public in matters related to traffic rules.

According to Dr. Rawh Sharif who represents the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents at the national committee for the traffic week, the road accidents have been on the increase lately and the observance of the week was necessary to draw public attention to the need to end the carnage and save lives and public property by abiding traffic rules on the roads.

### Ten political parties call for end to Jordan-bound cargo inspection

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Ten Jordanian Islamist and leftist parties have joined hands to demand a total bound cargo as part of the en-forcement of sanctions against Iraq and called on Arab, Islamic, non-aligned and African coun-tries to support the Kingdom's

In a rare joint statement, the 10 parties, including the power-ful Islamic Action Front (IAF) and mostly leftist parties, did not directly refer to the agreement Jordan has reached with the U.S. to replace the sea-based inspec-tions by a U.S.-led naval task force with a land-based sanctions

verifications regime.

But it rejected "any inspections in Jordanian territory, whether at sea or on land," as 'an infringement of Jordan's

Official party spokesmen were not immediately available for comment, but party sources said the statement was deliberately left vague since the 10 groups, which esponse varying ideologies ranging from Islamic law, social-ism, Baathism and pan-Arab nationalism, could not agree on a unified stand to reject the landbased verifications before the modalities of the arrangement

The sources said some of the parties would not outrightly reject the land-based arrangement as long as it is conducted under the direct supervision of the United Nations with no American intervention while others did nor want any inspections in any form of shape, they said.

Some of the parties are aware escape from some kind of mechanism at Aqaba and they wanted to reflect that position in the statement," said one source, "Bin there is unanimous agreement that the inspections are unacceptable to Jordan and should be rejected as a form of essure aimed at the Kingdom

and its people."

After a meeting with His
Majesty King Hussern in London
on Monday, U.S. Secretary of
State Warren Christopher said Washington would support, subject to some "fine tuning," the Jordanian proposal that Lloyds Register of London conduct the sanctions-verifications at the port

Lloyds Register of London is described as a non-profit, inde-pendent international organisanon with no political affiliations.

The American acceptance of the proposal came after more than three years of Jordanian complaints that the sanctions

were not only causing heavy economic losses to the Kingdom but also reflected distrust of the Kingdom despite its record of nerence to U.N. Security Council resolutions.

The U.S. agreed to the prop-

osal to change the sanctions regime nearly one month after Jor-dan made its return 10 peace talks with Israel contingent on an end to inspections.

The two-page statement of the 10 parties, issued Thursday, said the continued inspections were a punishment for the stand that Jordan and its people adopted during the Gulf crisis" by calling for an Arab solution to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait and refusing foreign intervention on Arah

The inspections "constitute an aggression against the Jordanian people, who have paid a heavy price for the Gulf crisis in the form of poverty, high unemploy-ment and social and economic problems," it said, adding that "Zionist domination" of the region through pressuring Jordan into signing peace agreements with Israel was the objective of the continued blockade of

The statement, a copy of which was made available to the Jordan Times, called on members of the Arab League, the Organisation of Islamic Confer-ence, the Non-Aligned Movement and African countries to "make their voice heard" in sup-port of the Jordanian rejection of the inspections which the parties described as piracy.

It also warned the United Na-

tions, the Security Council, the United States and its allies which are party to the Red Sea inspec-tions that the continued siege of Aqaba would only "deepen people's hostility."

The 10 parties which signed the statement control 20 seats. Action Front, in the 80-member

Lower House of Parliament, The signatories to the state-ment were: The Islamic Action Front, the Jordanian People's Democratic Party, the Jorda Socialist Democratic Party, the Jordanian Arab Baath Socialist Party, the Jordan Arab Democratic Party, the Jordanian Popular Unity Party, the Jordanian Progressive Democratic Party, the Unionist Arab Democratic Party, the Jordanian People's Democratic Unity Party and Al

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### S. Africa's new life

A NEW era has dawned on South Africa, the scene of decades long tension and turmoil between the black majority and the white minority, who ruled the country with an iron fist. With African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela becoming, as forecast, the new president of the country as a result of the four-day long elections in which a very high percentage of the eligible voters took part, it is the beginning of a national rebirth in which the right to self-determination for all the people of Sonth Africa, irrespective of their colour or race, was exercised.

"We have now moved from an era of pessimism, turmoil and conflict into a new era of hope, reconciliation and nation-building," Mandela was quoted as saying on the occasion of the belated transformation of his country from slavery into freedom and liberty. It is noteworthy that his new vision for the future is one for reconciliation between the whites and blacks rather than one of confrontation be-

tween them. There is an obvious message in the newly emerging political story of South Africa. It is clearly one that strengthens the conviction in peoples' right to determine their political, economic and social future and vindicates all others who are still yearning for national salvation. It is also proof of the bankruptcy of making distinctions between people on the basis of colour, race or political opinion. The national liberation war that was successfully waged by the blacks of South Africa is one that deserves to be celebrated and commemorated by all the Third World, especially by peoples who are still

struggling for freedom.

Still the political democratisation of South Africa is only the beginning of the new experience in the nation-building. Much more needs to be done as what lies ahead is even harder to accomplish. The new black-led government will inherit a national legacy of huge national debt and backlogs in housing, education and health care. Without the cooperation of the whites and the dismantling of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), the road ahead would be strewn with booby-traps. At least Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi should lend his support to the new African leadership by putting aside his provincial concerns in favour of the overall national interests of all South Africans. The new South Africa needs all the support it could muster not only from all South Africans, be they white or Zulus, or otherwise, but also the whole world community who has a vested interest in getting rid of apartheid once and for all.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour called on Arah countries to develop their relations with China at all levels and prevent Israel from damaging such relations in any form and under any circumstances. Taher Adwan said that the Arabs have hig chances for opening their markets and their trade exchanges with China and have the opportunity to learn from this Asian giant how to develop at the social, political and economic levels. Since the middle of the 20th century, the Arabs and the Chinese bave maintained very strong ties, and Beijing has always supported the Arah Nation's just causes, said the writer. We have to remember that when Israel had diplomatic ties with Islamic countries like Iran under the Shah, Beijing refused to recognise the Jewish state and supported the Arab rights. It is regrettable to see the Arabs failing to utilise such situation and to bolster trade, industrial and economic ties with China which is rising as a superpower at present, said the writer. While all indications points to the fact that China is fastly becoming a super economic power," the Arabs are still dragging their feet in matters related to bolstering their ties with Beijing, sdded the writer.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour expressed regret that Arab states are trying to end their conflict with Israel only to open the door wide for a conflict among themselves. Mohammad Kawash said the hostile powers are now trying to stir trouble for Arab countries to keep them at odds with one another and so help Israel to dominate their affairs. With weak mint-Arah states, Israel is guaranteed the upper band in this region, and with the religious, ethnic and social conflicts rising within the Arah countries there can be no danger for the Jewish state, he said. The writer said that Israel and its allies are currently striving to prevent the Arabs from adopting a common stand with which they can abort Israel's objectives, and are desperately stirring internal conflicts to achieve these goals. Even those countries surrounding Israel have failed to adopt a coordinated position with regard to the peace process, and there is little hope that they would adopt a joint stand, said the writer. He expressed fear that the internal strife within the Arab World could spill over the border and pit some Arab countries in armed conflicts against one another.

Jordanian Perspective

By Dr. Musa Keilani

## No quid pro quo for Aqaba

THE AMERICAN acceptance of Jordan's proposal that the sea-based inspections of Aqaba-bound cargo by a U.S.-led naval task force be replaced with a land-based regime bas, in principle, removed a major hurdle in the Middle East peace process and offered a face-saving formula for both Jordan and

The standoff, sparked after Jordan made it clear that its return to the peace talks hinged on an end to the damaging inspections by the enforcers of the international sanctions against Iraq, was long in the making. Our memories are fresh when James Baker, the secretary of state of the Bush administration, used to make promises after promises that the Kingdom's grievances would be looked into and addressed but with little happening on the ground.

Now that Warren Christopher, Mr. Baker's successor in a new administration, has announced in public after considerable foot-dragging that Washington would accept an Aqababased regime for verifying the sanctions, it is welcome news

But that does not mean we are roaring to get back to the peace negotiations with Israel. We would like to see what kind of modalities and mechanisms would accompany the arrangement. And that was precisely the reason behind His Majesty King Hussein's non-committal answers during the London press conference after meeting Mr. Christopher on Monday. Our experience over the years has taught us that no one

offers anything without strings attached and we are anxious to see that strings are attached to the Aqaha arrangement. For one thing, as Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali made clear a few hours before Mr. Christopher spoke on Monday. the Aqaha regime should not mean "inspections" because that would amount to an infringement on the sovereignty of the

Jordan has a record of total and complete respect for, and adherence to, the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council as a matter of principle. The "new world order,"

whose approach to Jordan is of a traditional carrot and stick, bad better give us the credit that we deserve in this context and refrain from continued humiliation of Jordan as a country and

Quite simply, Jordan should be trusted to adhere to the terms of the embargo on Iraq. To impose unacceptable conditions and terms for the presence of Lloyds Register, a neutral, international organisation of repute, at Aqaba and insist on "inspections" and "veto authority" would be counterproductive.

As Dr. Majali said Monday, Lloyds Register people are free to see the cargo unloaded at Aqaba when Jordan's customs department opens them for inspections, as warranted by the Kingdom's laws and regulations, and report to the U.N. Sanctions Committee of its "observations." We would not accept a situation when goods imported by a Jordanian for consumption in the local market or for use in local industries held back simply because the cargo is "suspect" and should receive the green signal from an external party before it could

We hope that the repeated use of the word "inspections" by Mr. Christopher during his press conference in London on Monday was not a signal that Washington would insist on granting the Lloyds Register people the right to subject Jordanian imports to the whims of those waging an all-out campaign against Iraq and Jordan.

Hopefully, the days ahead will unfold the "technical modalities" and the "fine tuning" that the U.S. has been talking about in the context of the Aqaba verifications.

In the meantime, those anxious to see as little as possible in food and medicine to the Iraqi people should respect our government's finding that what they call front companies are egitimate Jordanian entities functioning within the confines of Jordanian laws and regulations. It is illogical to rule that the imports of those entities are subject to a blanket ban regardless of whether the cargo is exempt from the sanctions

or has the approval of the U.N. Sanctions Committee simply because someone, somewhere, believes that they are companies acting as "front, back or the middle" as our prime

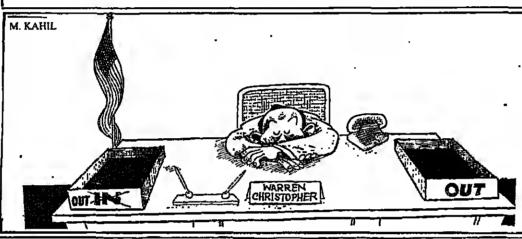
What our officials would not say in public, but we as Jordanians are free to say, is that the amount of Iraq-bound Jordanians are tree to say, is that the amount of fraq-bothed cargo flowing through other regional ports is six times of that coming through Aqaba. Yet we don't find any anxiety on anyone's part to have "inspections", "verification regime" or "observations" in place at any of those ports.

Beyond that, however, is the fact that the sanctions, when

imposed, were aimed at forcing Iraq to satisfy the demands of the U.N. Security Council and definitely not at starving the Iraqi people. As such, food and medicine imports for Iraq through Aqaba, regardless of who imports them, should not be subject to the political whims and fancies of anyone and should not be used as a tool to achieve political purposes, whether in the context of Iraq or Jordan.

In the same vein, it is our sincere hope that Washington's acceptance of an Aqaba-based verification is not another stone of American pressure on Jordan to make "dramatic gestures" in the peace process. The problems that Jordan faces and the price we paid for the continued Red Sea inspections, and the Kingdom's principles that guide its quest for negotiated peace in the Middle East are two different issues by any standard.

It is not acceptable at all for anyone to suggest or insist that now that the U.S. had "magnanimously" accepted what, by all norms and laws, should not have been an issue of demand and compliance at all in the first place, Jordan should ohlige Israel at the expense of its national rights. It is simply a no-go area and we hope those who want to storm the barriers and create fait accomplis realise and appreciate that Jordan is committed to negotiated peace, a peace that is honourable and meets the legitimate principles of international law and U.N. Security Council resolutions. Anything less than that is simply a



### THE WEEK IN PRINT

## U.S. should follow words with deeds and lift Aqaba siege

Reviewed By Elia Nasrallah

ARABIC DAILY newspapers in the past week gave prominence in their editorials to the passing away of the late Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Queen Mother, but also discussed the Middle East question and a host of domes-

Commenting on the sche-duled visit to the Middle East by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, a columnist in Al Dustour said that the U.S. official's tour could be more significant than any of his earlier visits following Israeli Prime Minisier Yitzhak Rahin's announcement that Israel could remove settlements in the Golan in exchange for peace with Syria. But the settlement issue is not the only problem impeding the process of peace between Israel and Syria, said Taher Al Adwan. What Syria demands is total peace along all the tracks on the one hand and recognition of the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland on the other, The Arabs, said the writer.

want the United States to play a genuine role in the peace process in order to implement U.N. resolutions hut today Washington has not taken any concrete step in this direction.

Walid Ahu Bakr, another columnist in Al Dustour, said that the United States was bound to give momentum to the peace process because it wants to protect credibility. But it seems that the United States is not concerned whether the outcome of the negotiations would be just for both parties, said the writer.

Noting that the Israelis are resorting to the carrot and the stick policy in its dealings with the Arabs ever since the start of the negotiations two years ago, the writer said that the Israeli leaders continually seek domination of the Arah region economically, militarily and politically.

Mohammad Kawash, another Al Dustour columnist, lauded a recent agreement hetween the Palestinian leadership and Hamas on the main policies for ending Israeli occupation of Palestinian land. Both Hamas and Fateh are concerned with ending the occupation of Arab and it was natural for their leaders to conclude an agreement on cooperation to achieve that goal, said the writer.

Those casting doubt on Hamas' intentions are not helping the Palestinian cause, and one has to keep in mind that although Hamas is in the opposition camp with regard to means of achieving freedom for Palestinians its leaders have openly and clearly declared that resistance weapons can only be raised in . the face of the Zionists, he

Al Ra'i daily commented on Mr. Christopher's announcement that the siege on Aqaba would end by paying tribute to His Majesty King Hussein's firm stand that belped bring about this favourable decision. The paper said that Washington's response to Jordan's demands was a result of the clear message by King Hussein that the Kingdom would not take part in further peace talks unless the siege has been lifted. Jordan, said the paper, is not violating the sanctions on Iraq and therefore has a strong point in this matter. It said that Washington has now removed the hurdle that impeded Jordan's participation in the peace

Commenting on Mr. Christopher's statements that Washington and Amman keep strong friendly relations, a columnist in Al Ra'i said that words are not

Tareq Masarweh said Washington should prove by deeds rather than words its real friendship by ending the siege on Aqaba and respecting the national aspirations of the Arah people.

Jordan, said the writer, is part of the Arah World and feels closer to the other Arab countries than any foreign nation, and strives to protect Arab citizens and end injustices done to them. He said that neither the U.S. admimistration nor Mr. Christopher are really concerned about the real feelings of the Jordanian people and their national aspirations and therefore this can by no means be friendly to the

Lawyer Hani Dahleh wrote an article in Al Dustour in which be stressed the significance of the professional unions in Jordan's politics. Over the past four de-

cades, the unions played a

key role in Jordan's political

arena and its members, who

are doctors, engineers,

pharmacists and lawyers, rep-

resent the cream of the intellectual sector of the country. He criticised those voices which call for the unions to remain confined to their professional work and to leave the politics to the political parties

A columnist in Al Dustour commented on a government ban on smoking inside government offices by saying that the order should bave been coupled with a solution to the problem of smokers who spend at least six hours in their offices.

Mobammad Daond said that the way the ban was imposed by no means be implemented since the provision was made for creating places to the smokers to smoke. No doubt, he said, the smokers are bound to violate the rules. Voicing appreciation to the Health Ministry's drive to end the habit of smoking, the writer said unless smokers are allowed to smoke one way or another, their services to the public are bound to be adversely affected. Salameh Ekour, a col-

umnist in Sawt A! Shaah, said that the government seems to be convinced of the need to give raises to government employees hnt has no sufficient funds to do that. The writer said that the

government can indirectly help the limited-income groups, who are mostly government employees, by being firm against merchants who manipulate prices and the greedy traders who abide hy no rules. He said that the government onght to impose stricter control on merchants who sell auto spare parts. electric appliances and food which all citizens need and ought to fix the rates of doctors and end the greed of bospitals in a manner that would help the ordinary citizen. If the government lacks sufficient funds for a raise to its employees said the writer, at least it can utilise its authority in order to reduce the hurden on the Jordanian Ahmad Dahbas, another

columnist in Sawt Al Shaab, urged the government to insigned to deter people from throwing waste from car windows. The writer said that appeals to the public to stop the bad habit have proved futile, and there was need for strict penalties to be imposed if we are to protect the en-vironment and keep the streets and public squares clean and safe.

## IMF official casts a line to Algiers

By Francis Ghilès;

Mr. Micbel Camdessus, managing director of the Interna-tional Monetary Fund (IMF), bas taken a huge gamble. So has General Liamine Zeroual, the Algerian bead of state. If they fail, neither the IMF nor the Algerian army will bave another chance to save north Africa's largest country from a fate which a senior U.S. official likened to one of "creeping Afghanisition.

Mr. Camdessus has asked the board of the IMF to extend a \$1hn (£680m) oneyear standby loan to Algeria, which the board is expected to approve by the end of the month. He bas called on Algeria's foreign creditors to follow the IMF and provide the country with a further \$8bn-\$9bn which it will need to pay its international way

this year. Of this total, \$3-5bn would come from the rescheduling of the principal repayments of debt owed to its sovereign creditors, who are due to meet at a Paris Club meeting in mid-May; \$1.5hn would come from the World Bank, African Development Bank and Arab Monetary Fund loans; \$1hn from the European Union; and the balance from export credits which would be maintained at last vear's level.

Algeria has already been asked to take its medicine. Three weeks ago the price of nine staple foodstuffs — including flour, bread and milk were increased by between 25 and 100 per cent. This followed similar rises in the cost of petrol and domestic fuel. Other increases are intended to follow, The dinar has been de-

valued by 40 per cent and interest rates raised. Measures to liberalise foreign trade are expected this week.
A later stage in the process
will require state companies
to shed excess labour.
Mr. Redha Malek, the

prime minister since last August, announced last week he was resigning. Foreign observers do not agree on why. It may be that he disagreed with the policy now openly pur-sued hy Gen. Zeroual of trying to talk to those mem-bers of the banned fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) who do not wish to see their country slide into total anarchy.

It may he that the bead of state wanted to replace him with a technocrat who carries no political weight and whose ioh is that of the surgeon, a man who can be disposed of

easily if the going gets rough. Mr. Mokdad Sifi, who is taking over, certainly fits that description. He comes from Tebessa, a town close to the Tunisian border which has provided many key figures to the Direction Générale de La Securité Nationale, the fount of much power in Algeria over 30 years.

Days before Mr. Malek's departure, Mr. Camdessus bad expressed, in an interview with Algerian state television, much enthusiasm and hope about the process of economic reform upon which be felt Algeria was

embarking.
Many Algerians hope the
IMF chief's judgment is better vindicated by events than it was after the last agreement with the Fund. That accord, signed in June 1991. was followed promptly by the dismissal of the then refor-

mist prime minister, Mr. Mouloud Hamrouche, Mr. Camdessus heaped praise on his successor, Mr. Sid Ahmad Ghozali, whose policies went on in effect to destroy the economic reforms to which the IMF had just given its imprimatur.

The position today is in-comparably worse. Some 4,000 Algerians have died since elections, which the FIS was poised to win, were suspended in January 1992. Fierce repression has not prevented large areas of Algeria,. including some cities, from slipping out of the state's control, notably at night. The hardline Islamic Armed terror on ordinary Algerians and has targeted foreigners, many of whom have fled the

Although this has helped bring Algeria's economy to its current state of semi-collapse, a main factor bas been the fall in world prices of bydrocarhons, which account for 90 per cent of the country's foreign income. Foreign debt repayments would, in the absence of an agreement with the country's western creditors, absorb virtually all Algeria's forecası \$9bn income this year.

As they consider the possible fate of a reform package now being put together, the country's foreign creditors are, in the words of one senior European banker, "functioning on a wing and a

prayer."
So are 26m Algerians. As one sardonically commented: The difference is that we are risking our lives while Western countries are only risking their money."

The Financial Times.

## The darker side of the legacy: a nation of cynics

By Jill Lawrence The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A dark side of Richard M. Nixon's legacy endures today in a nation of cynics. The Watergate deeds that led to bis forced resignation deepened and solidified the public mistrust bequeathed by his pre-

Lyndon B. Johnson's deceptive accounts of the Vietnam war opened a yawning credibility gap. Then came Mr. Nixon's White House, crossing the line into criminal conduct with the Watergate Mr. Nixon was the only

U.S. president to resign. He quit after a hreak-in at the Watergate Hotel in Washington unleashed a scandal over harassment of his political opponents, taped telephone conversations and obstructing investigators.
Watergate was a water-

shed. It turned presidents into potential crooks," said sociologist Todd Gitlin, author of "The Sixties."

Mr. Nixon's duplicity aggravated a "fundamental cultural malaise" marked by the conviction that whatever

appears in public is a facade,

said sociologist Jeffrey Gold-

farb, author of "The Cynical

Society."

"He was to his core a cynical person," said Mr. Goldfarb, a professor at the New School for Social Research. "He taught the nation to be very, very wary about the articulation of any ideal, because all ideals seemed to be absolutely vacuous."

A whole range of social and political consequences ensued from the threesyllable word that's now shorthand for all that is corrupt and corrosive in government. Not least of them is the permanent shadow of impeachment on the political

"Before Watergate, the notion of a presidential impeachment was from the dark ages, the 19th century. No one though about it," said Michael Schudson.

Mr. Schudson, a sociology professor at the University of California at San Diego, said political leaders didn't mention impeachment for almost a year into the Watergate affair. But it came up within days of the first revelations in

the Reagan administration's Iran-Contra scandal. It's even been mentioned by some politicians in connection with the current Whitewater affair.

"That's ridiculous, but that is a legacy of Watergate,"
Mr. Schudson said. "We are ready to suspect that any little thread we find is going to lead to a whole roomful of

Other parts of the legacy include an aggressive press corps inspired by the investigative work that unraveled Watergate, and a strengthened freedom of information act opening government business to public scrutinty.

In addition, the U.S. Congress passed a law to create the special prosecutors who investigate potential govern-

ment scandals. Americans have demonstrated at the polls that they yearn for a president they can trust. They elected Jimmy Carter in 1976 at least partly on the strength of his promise that he would never lie to them. But he proved to be a

weak leader. The country next turned to Ronald Reagan, whose forceful optimism did give the White House a temporary boost. The harris level of confidence was up to 42 per cent in 1984 but fell to 17 per cent in 1988, after the Iran-Contra disclosures. And That's about where Bill Chinton finds the presidency toElater volunteers

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## S. African polls judged fair

Tribal feuding was hindering ballot distribution in some

parts, but elsewhere chiefs and

community leaders were send-

mg runners to guide the elec-tion officials, Holdt said.

problems, anxiety and joy,

said a local magistrate, Linda

At the Mdwedwe poll in

Kwazulo, the presiding officer,

Boniani Khumulo, said many

teenagers under 18 were getting

identification cards allowing

them to vote. No one was

willing to brave the region's

political tensions to stop the

Io two violent black

townships outside Johannes-

burg, where there was not sup-

posed to be balloting Friday, polls were surrounded by peo-

ple demanding to vote, according to election officials. They

said the election monitors felt

their lives were in danger and

opened the polls, but the bal-

lots would be treated separate-

Where polis had closed, we-

ary election workers prepared for counting, scheduled to be-

gin at 6 a.m. (0400 GMT) Saturday. Final results were

abuse, he said.

Khaba.

"It's like the birth of a baby

(Continued from page 1) mral areas stymied by a lack of ballot papers and other election problems had the extra polling day.

While the rest of the country finished its three-day election Thursday, people in areas encompassing the former black homelands of Transkei, Ciskei, Kwazulu, Venda, Lebowa and Gazankuln were given a fourth

day.
Judge Kriegler briefed Mr.
President F.W Mandela and President F.W. De Klerk on latest developments Friday afternoon, saying the extension had served its

Purpose. Would be declare the election free and fair, reporters asked "So far, there is oo reason to

say it isn't," Mr. Kriegler re-

Military helicopters reached remote villages in Kwazulo, where some polling stations have oever opened. At Nongoma, the home of Zulo King Goodwill Zwelethini, trucks were sent deep into the moun-

tains to collect voters. "This is a vast area. People are poor and they haven't been able to reach us," said election official Carl Holdt.



Election volunteers imme voter cards on Friday to many South Africans who could not vote and were granted an extra politic day. This photo was taken in Ndwedwe in Natal/Kwazulu (AFP

### Christopher gets Israeli plan

(Continued from page 1) way of peace with Syria.

Israel has demanded that Syria specify whether it will agree to full peace with Israel that will include open borders and diplomatic exchanges.

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"We've got a lot of hard work ahead of us," Mr. Christopber said of bis trip to Damascus on Saturday. After returning to Israel on Sunday he will go to Cairo oo Tnesday for the expected signing of an agreement Wednesday to give Palestinians self-rule in the West Bank town of Jericho and

in the Gaza Strip. Mr. Rabin and Mr. Christopher refused to provide any details of the package being delivered to Mr. Assad and Syriao Foreign Mioister Farouk Sharaa. Also without elaboratioo, Mr. Rabin told

reporters he had made "de-mands" of the United States. He apparently was referring to technology and other elements of an early-warning system. Clinton administration officials, eager to have Israel trade land for peace with all its Arab neighbours, already have

indicated American troops

could be stationed on the

Golan Heights as pact of an international peacekeeping force.
"Israel is interested in achieving peace with the three neighbouring Arab countries beyond the peace with Egypt," Mr. Rahio said after the

second of two 90-minute meetsecond of two 90-minute incer-ings with Mr. Christopher.

"And we appreciate your effort in bringing the Syrian and Israeb positions closer," Mr. Rabin said.

## Yemen crisis flares

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the town of Amran, oo a plain flanked by mountains north of Sanaa, was oow quiet hut

No official figures for casualties have been released. Reports from Aden said, however, that the danger of further bloody clashes eased Friday after the southern brigade retreated to the moun-

tains around Amran. Military officials of the Aden-based Yemen Socialist Party (YSP) said the 1,200 troops pulled out after rein-forcements of northern troops, includiog elite Republicao

Guards, arrived at Amran. Yemeni journalists who visited the scene said the oorthem troops gained the upper hand in the fighting which began on Wednesday, and the

southern forces sought refuge with an allied tribe, the Bakil. YSP officials described the southern forces' retreat as a "brilliant tactical manocuvre,"

which avoided unnecessary **Casualtie** President Ali Abdullah Saleh blamed South Yemeni secessionists" for the fighting,

and warned them to halt the provocations The official SABA news agency said Mr. Saleh, visiting northern troops wounded in

the clashes, appealed to the southerners "to see reason and to adopt peaceful dialogue as a means of resolving differ-

A pro-YSP newspaper, October 14, said Friday oorthtin troops based in the southen were reinforcing their posi-

"The (northern) Al Amaliq Brigade is stocking up with weapons and ammunition in order to tighten its grip on Abyan province and a key point commanding eastern the gateway to Aden," the paper

Clashes erupted between the hrigade and southern troops in Abyan on February 21, a day after a reconciliation accord was signed in Amman by Mr. Saleh and his southern rival, Vice-President Ali Salem Al

Beidh. The two leaders have been at odds since August, when Mr. Beidh refused to take up his duties in Sanaa, demanding major political and economic reforms and citing security

Since onification in May 1990 each side has maintained a separate army of about 30,000 men each.

At a meeting with the president on April 3, the Beidh said his troops stationed in the north should withdraw to the south and that northern forces should leave the south.

But Mr. Saleb ruled out the proposal, charging it was a step towards partition.

In Sanaa, gunmen on Thursday wounded the country's first deputy prime minister, Hassan Mohammad Mekki, and killed three of his bodyguards, officials said.

Mekki a member of the ruling Geoeral People's Congress, had been attending a meeting to discuss the violence in Amran.



ary of State Warren Christopher at their joint (Left to right) Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, Egyptian President Homi Muharak, U.S. Secretpress conference in Caire on Thursday (AFP)

### Israel, PLO sign economic agreement

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foreign husioessmen and Palestinians living abroad to invest.

As part of the overall plan to grant the Palestinians autonomy, the accord will limit some trade but allow the Palestinians to set taxes on imports and

The Palestinians will also regulate banks in the territor-

But the accord failed to include provisions to establish a Palestinian currency, a symbol of statehood rejected by the Israelis and insisted on by the Palestinians until late in the

Mr. Shohat and Mr. Qouriea signed the agreement in a baroque hall of the French foreign ministry.

There are many events of sadness in the world, but luckily we have these moments of privileged importance," said France's foreign minister, Alain Juppe.

He expressed the hope that other agreements would soon he concluded setting out the framework for relations between Israelis and Palestinians following the September signing of the autonomy accord. The news from Cairo is encouraging," Mr. Juppe added.

This conflict has been costly, both in physical and material loss," said Mr. Shohat. The time has come to invest our energies in the pursuit of peace and prosperity."
Mr. Shohat also noted that

the agreement will "defend our economy from an influx of

The Palestinian side did not swerve from the sober tone it talks. This is a "contractual agreement for a temporary period," said Mr. Qouriea,

and it will be reviewed." Lack of an economic accord would have complicated implementatioo of the main agreement, since international aid totalling \$2.4 billion was being held up as donors waited for a

spending plan.

Addressing his domestic ao-dience over Israeli radio, Mr. Shobat said: "It's a good agreement which opholds Israel's economic interests and allows the Palestinians to de-

velop their own economy." Under the economic accord for the period of interim selfrule, the Palestinians are to have similar imports and customs policies as those of the Jewish state.

"The Palestinians will be able to import goods from Arab countries in agreed, li-mited quantities," under the

The PLO has foregone demands for an independent central bank but will set up its own monetary authority to control and monitor the banking and financial sectors.

The two sides failed to agree on a Palestinian currency, and the shekel will continue to be used in the territories.

On Palestinian money, the accord merely said the joint committee "will continue to discuss ... the possibility of introducing inntually agreed Palestinian currency or a temporary alternative currency arrangement."

"We say currencies are issued only by states," said Daniel Shek, a spokesman for the Israeb delegation. "There was no economic justification or logic in the current condition of the territories...' Amin Haddad, deputy head

of the Palestinian delegation, sighed when asked how soon he hoped for a currency. no time frame," he told a

reporter shortly before the signing. "It was one of the sticking points." Bot he added: "I'm not saying we're going to set up a

state tomorrow. I'm saying

that the first steps towards

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setting up a Palestinian state have been taken."

The money is desperately needed to begin rebuilding the devastated occupied territories and set up a Palestinian gov-

After about 450 hours of talks over the past six months, the main final sticking point centered on customs, both sides said

Overall agreement was anoconced late Thorsday night, but meetings continued until g a.m. (0600 GMT) Friday, 90 minutes before the scheduled signing.

Last-mioute disagreemeot surfaced Thursday oo imports into the occupied territories. especially from Egypt and Jordan, an issue that was said Wednesday night to be settled, according to sources close to the talks speaking oo condition of anonymity.

Israeli officials were con-

cerned that cheap imports could flood through the territories and into Israel. The final agreement ensured

the free movement of goods except for five items oo which quotas were imposed for five years: tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, eggs and poultry.

The agreement also covered tourism, labour, insurance and fuel sales. Gasoline in the territories is not to be sold more than 15 per cent less than in Israel.

A joint economic committee will coordinate implementation of the accord. The economic accord is the

secood to be signed stoce September. A security agreement was signed in Cairo in February.

## Self-rule set for signing on May 4

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phone and postal service and registracion of transients in Jericho and Gaza. According to Israeli sources in Cairo, Israel agreed Thurs-

day night that the Palestinians could have their own postage stamps and passports, all considered symbols of their aspiration for sovereignty.

However, the tssues of

Palestinians at border crossings and the size of Jericho remained to be dealt with by Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat Tuesday night in Cairo. Also, the sources said, the

PLO was demanding recogni-tion of territorial waters reaching nine miles out from the Mediterranean shores of

Mr. Peres said the period of Palestinian autonomy will be only three years not five, after which a permanent settlement will be applied to the occupied

"We have decided to give the Palestinians a travel document, which is both a 'laissezpasser' and a passport, for a period of three years after which the permanent status will begin," Mr. Peres told

Israel Radio. Under the Sept. 13 declaration of principles for autonomy, the interim period was to last five years.

"Permanent status negotiations will commonce as soon as possible but not later than the beginning of the third year of the interim period," the declaration states.

"We have decided to start negotiations oo the final status after the second year of autonomy and they will have to end one year later," Mr. Peres said, setting a timetable for the first time.

However, an embarrassed foreign ministry spokesman la-ter called AFP to issue a clarification of Mr. Peres's remarks. "The timetable in the declaration of principles remains unchanged," the spokes-man said. "The five years still stand."

But he did not deny the Peres statement and did not

explain the discrepancy.

Mr. Peres had explained the three years. "That is why we have decided that the Palestimans will have laissez-passer documents valid for three

"The document, which is both a laisser-passer and a passport is an elegant, original and intelligent solotion which does not prejudice the creation of a Palestinian state as the

final status," Mr. Peres said. Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin have in the past repeatedly underlined that they are opposed to a Palestinian state and wary to see a confederation between the Palestinians and Jordan.

Mr. Rabin said the Cairo accord to be signed would serve as a model for all the Israeli-occupied territories to be granted autonomy, not just Gaza and Jericho.

He also called on Arab leaders to artend next Wednesday's signing in the Egyptian capital to show that the accord opens a new era in relations between Israel and the Arah World."

### Jordan to ease restrictions on Palestinians

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Jordan's September neasures included limiting family visits, the maio category of travellers coming to Jordan, and introduced extra ioterrogations at the bridge to de-

termine the reason of travel. The changes were in response to Israeb measures to slash the price of exit permits to \$42 from \$170 and ease paper work, which increased oumbers of Palestinians

travelling into Jordan. Another official, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity, said the government was planning to allow Palestioians free entry and exit.

"For example, a woman who is married to a Jordanian will be granted a three-year residency permit instead of one month," he told the AP.

He also said the Jordanian decision was prompted by "imminent Palestinian self-rule, which bopefully will encourage Palestinians to stay in their homeland and hinder Israeli expulsion plans."

Since Jordan severed legal

and administrative nes with the West Bank in July 1988, it introduced measures aimed at curbing the number of Palestimans who were prompted by an ailing economy in their homeland to seek better living

conditions here. It maioly allowed in businessmeo, studeots and sick people who sought treatment here or abroad as well as tourists and those who come for family reunions.

The Kingdom also changed passport procedures. It gave Palestinians who reside in the West Bank temporary twoyear passports and revoked their citizenship rights in Jor-

Friday's move coincided with Israel and the PLO wrapping up five months of peace talks, setting Wednesday as the target date for signing an agreement that will set in motion Israeli withdrawal from parts of the West Bank and Gaza and the start of Palestinian self-rule there.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan issued instructions last week for the concerned anthorities to reexamine regulations issued in 1988 following Jordan's severance of legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

Mr. Hammad said the new procedures, which were adopted under directives by His Majesty King Hussein and Prince Hassan, will be active as of Sunday.

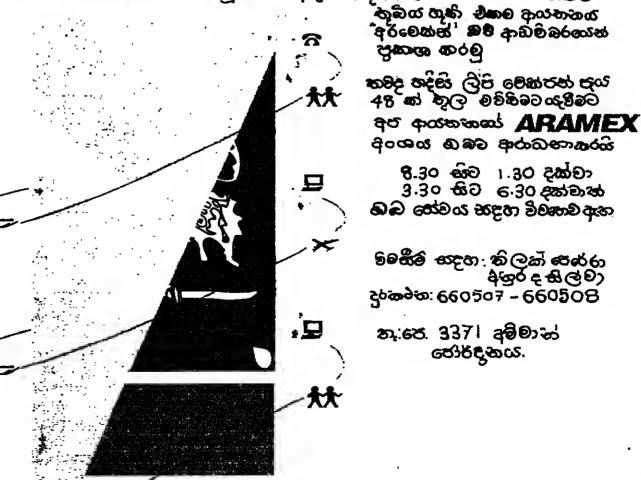
He said former procedures concerning the residence and the transit of West Bankers and Gazans were fully adhered to by the authorities out of the Kingdom's pan-Arab and nationalistic understanding of the plight of Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Based on this understanding, said Mr. Hammad, Jordan was keen to keep "the open bridges policies" with Palestinians in the occupied territor-ies since the 1967 war.

"These policies, though crincised by some parties, have: contributed to maintaioing; national contacts with the inhabitants of the occupied Arabi lands and to enhancing their. pan-Arab belonging," he said, adding that Jordan maiotained this policy despite its economic, political and demographic; consequences.

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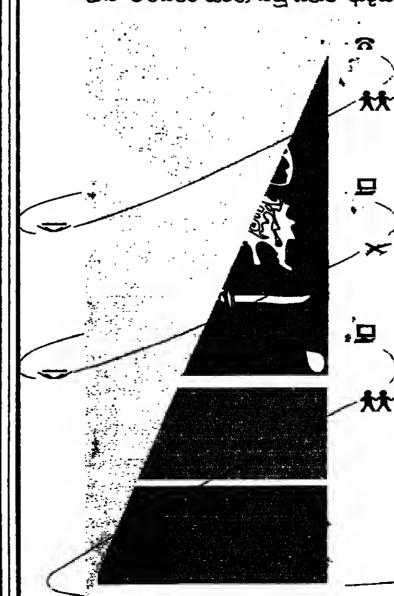


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## Unemployment, illiteracy threaten stability in Arab states

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Arab states are still suffering from high unemployment and illiteracy rates despite economic reforms and educational campaigns, and the problem is threatening stability in the region, an official Arab reports has said.

While illiteracy is expected to decline in the near future, unemployment is likely to get worse in some Arab countries due to economic slowdown and a rapid population growth, said the report hy the Arah Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Abu Dhabibased Arah Monetary Fund.

"The high unemployment rate in several Arah countries is one of the most serious problems which affect not only economie development but social and political stability," the 1993 annual report said. "What increases the dangers of this phenomenon is that unemployment rates are steadily rising and the problem could become more complicated in fu-

The report said unemployment in some Arah countries far exceeded that in industrial countries where such rates do not exceed 10 per cent.

In Jordan, it rose from six per cent in 1985 to 19 per cent in 1991 while it increased from 13 per cent to 16 per cent in Tunisia, it said. In Morocco it stood at 16 per cent and Algeria at 19 per cent.

It said unemployment was widespread among educated people in Algeria, Egypt and Morocco. "This makes the problem more worrying," it

The report put the workforce in the Arab League's 22 members at 66 million, which it said would increase to 81 million hy the year 2000. It said the expected growth

in labour was because more women were taking up jobs and a large number of people are within working age groups. But the report cited what it called negative aspects in the

labour structure in the Arab

World, including the low productivity of workers, small contribution by women to economic activity and employment of children.

"Productivity of a worker in Europe is more than six times the productivity in the Arab World," it said. "The problem is underscored in the farming sector, which accounts for 36 per cent of the Arab labour force but its share in the gross domestic product did not exceed 13 per cent in 1992."

Surveys conducted recently in some Arab nations showed around 1.3 million children aged between 6-14 were working in Egypt while children accounted for 13.3 per ceot of

the total workforce in Morocco's countryside, it said.

The surveys showed that this phenomenon is prevalent in the countryside of other Arah countries," it said. What adds to those problems is the large number of non-Arab expatriate workers in the Gulf oil producing states."

The report showed the services sector attracted the largest number of workers. accounting for 46 per cent. It was followed by the farming sector, which has 36 per cent, and the industrial sector,

with 18 per cent. Women accounted for only 6.7 per cent of the total Arab workforce but the level was expected to jump to 20 per cent in the year 2000.

"Illiteracy is another serious problem facing Arab states. Despite educational campaigns, illiteracy stood at 49 per cent in 1991 compared with 66 per cent in 1970. The level is expected to decline further to reach 38 per cent in the year

2000," the report said. Women are suffering most, with their illiteracy accounting for nearly 62 per cent of the total. The level is expected to reach 50 per cent by the year 2000, it added.

A hreakdown for 1992 showed Somalia had the highest rate, standing at 75.9 per cent, followed hy Sudan at 72.9.

tion," he said, suggesting that the authorities set aside a seg-

ment of the destroyed city cen-

Mr. Gray-Forton said in the long run, and particularly after

Arabs and Israelis make peace,

regional tourism should be ex-

panded to include other coun-

tries in the area such as Israel.

Egypt, Turkey and Cyprus. He said he believed there

was an "avalanche of interest"

in the Middle East, a rich

region in Roman, Pheomician,

Byzantine and Arab heritage.

people flew over the region to

South Asia but hardly ever

stopped," adding the time had

come to rediscover the Middle

"If people are well prepared

there is no reason whey they

can't enjoy Lebanon, but for a

start it is necessary to tell them

where is Lebanon and that

Beirut is only a part of it," Mr. Gazzard added.

A representative of Amer-

ican Express travel related ser-

vices, which moved from Leba-

non to the Gulf at the start of

the war, stressed that Leba-

non, Syria and Jordan had

more to offer to attract foreign

visitors than the neighbouring

Arab Gulf states "where the

Francesco Frangielli, deputy

secretary-general of the World

Travel Organisation (WTO),

announced the WTO's region-

al committee would be meeting

in Beirut in June to examine

further ways of promoting re-

A study conducted by the

WTO in 1993 predicts that 11

million tourists will visit the

Middle East by 2000 and 18

Mr. Gray-Forton said the

The conference was

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## Survival worries dog Indian industry as it gears for competition

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Indian industry is pondering its post-GATT future amid fears over whether it can survive the cutthroat competition and fierce brand wars of a free market.

The introspection comes at a time when competition bas become the corporate mantra in India, nearly three years after the government ushered in an era of liberalisation with tariff cuts and incentives for foreign

"The Indian husinessman is a vanishing species," Jay Dubashi, who heads the economic cell of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party), has predicted in the latest dire forecast of Indian industry's future.

Mr. Dubashi, a former journalist, wrote in the Sunday Observer that some Indian industrialists tended to speak "bravely about facing multinationals and going global on equal terms.

Equal terms? equality between an elephant and a mouse?" he asked, foreseeing a time when the country's corporate top guns would be reduced to mere employees of foreign businesses.

The government, as part of the reforms launched in 1991 ending four decades of protectionism, has allowed foreign investors a majority shareholding and slashed the peak import tariff rate from around

300 per ceut to 65 per cent. The policy of openness is expected to be reinforced by conclusion of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) pact widening market access and triggering fears here of a multinational invasion.

Local industry's ability to face the challenge figured prominently at the annual Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) conference here last week, where Finance Minister Manmohan: Singh told the corporate sector to compete or

"If you do not take up the

challenge... India will become an economically irrelevant nation" in the post-GATT world, Mr. Singh warned.

Competition, in the days before the dawn of liberalisation, meant which businessman got to see an industry ministry bureaucrat faster, said Onkar Goswami, a professor at the Indian Statistical Institute.

Now it means the challenge of imports, foreign direct investments and the clout of multinationals increasing their equity in Indian subsidiaries. lured by a huge market of up to 200 million middle-class consumers.

Foreign hrand names from Ray Ban sunglasses and Benetton fashion ware to. Bosch washing machines have appeared in Indian show-

Kellogg breakfast cereals, Mars chocolate bars, Mobil and Shell motor lubricants, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Mariboro cigarettes and Levis jeans are among the foreign giants waiting to storm India, also the latest arena for a

Coca-Cola-Pepsi battle. Multinational subsidiaries such as Hindustan Lever are on a hlitzkrieg of new product launches and are relentlessly plugging their brands to force out local rivals.

In a case often cited by the merchants of doom, top soft drink maker Parie sold out to Coca-Cola Co. rather than pit its popular thums up against both Coke and Pepsi.

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Such sectors as chemicals, petrochemicals, steel and engineering meanwhile are facing the pinch of cheaper imports, and high raw material and infrastructure costs and interest

S.M. Datta, who heads the Indian operations of chemical giant Unilever, predicts that the corporate shake-out will leave plenty of casualties.

A third of the country's industrial enterprises will be forced to shut up shop and five of the top 10 major corporations will have to make way for others, he said.

## Weekly analysis of movements and trends of major world currencies

This report is provided by Naser Nabulsi, private client group at Merrill Lynch-Dubai.

Overview

Fundamental View: The dollar has failed to rally in response to either the Fed's surprise 25-basis point rate hike on April 18 or to the Bundesbank's recent rate cuts. The dollar's lackluster performance may reflect a slowdown of portfolio capital flows to the U.S. in view of uncertain prospects for U.S. equity and bond

The dollar should eventually rise further against the Deutschemark as German interest rates decline by more than expected. Japan's new prime minister is expected to make little headway on trade liberalisation, suggesting that yen strength will continue as part of U.S. policy to boost exports and narrow Japan's huge current account surplus.

We maintain our 12 month targets of JPY/USD 95 and

Technical View: For the second week in a row, it was not a case of how many, but how much. Even though the U.S. dollar was able to post gains against five of the six major currencies that we most regularly monitor, the U.S. dollar index fell less than 0.1 per cent as the greenback fell sharply versus the Japanese yen. Put/call ratios for the dollar remain oversold, but are beginning to deteriorate. At the same time, short term rates of change have begun to weaken. Both of these points raise the prospects for renewed dollar weakness in coming days.

By contrast, medium term momentum is showing signs of bottoming, suggesting that the underlying February-April corrective pattern is coming to an end. Thus, any nearby weakness could well be the last leg to the correction. The inability, so far, to break 92.80 support further adds to the prospects for a bottom. While, resistance at 95.50-95-90) is still important in the sense that a rally through that range would allow for a test of the February high (97.10), we are lowering first resistance to 94.40. A rally through that level would imply that a bottom is in place.

### Japanese Yen

Fundamental View: The dollar remains little changed against the yen despite the Fed's surprise 25-point rate hike on April 18. The selection of Foreign Minister Hata as Japan's new prime minister is expected to bave little impact on Japanese economic policy, especially since the ruling coalition is likely to remain split between conservatives and the Socialists. Mr. Hata's close ties to the hureancracy suggest that there will be few bold new initiatives on trade liberalisation. Accordingly, market participants may continue to believe that the U.S. administration will favour yen appreciation as a way of cutting Japan's trade surplus. We remain neutral on the yen's prospects in the next few months. The yen is still within the 100-to-110 range that both Japan and the U.S. appear content to live with for the time being. Interest rate trends could favour the dollar as the Fed continues to tighten monetary policy, hut trade frictions could well heat up ahead of a planned meeting between President Clinton and Mr. Hata at the G-7 summit in Naples this July.

Longer-term, persistent current account surpluses should keep upward pressure on the yen. Even if Japan agrees to some market access measures for U.S. companies, we still expect a current account surplus of nearly \$120 billion this year. That should help the yen to continue to trade in the JPY/USD 100-to-110 range for most of this year and we expect it to reach a level as high as JPY/USD 95 hy this time next year.

Technical View: The Japanese ven rallied 1.8 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended April 15, making it the strongest currency of the six we most regularly discuss. Sentiment remains neutral. Short term momentum has been weak, but is showing signs of improvement.

By contrast, medium term momentum is constructive, but appears to be close to peaking. Thus, any nearby strength will help to relieve some of the medium term pressures. While a test of resistance at 101 Y/U.S.\$ is still possible, the currency has been in a trading range since early Fehruary and the mounting downside pressures should be monitored closely. The area around 106.40 is viewed as first support, but it should be noted that it would require a decline through 110 to break a multi-year uptrend line.

Fundamental View: The dollar has failed to rally against the Deutschmark in response to the Fed's surprise rate hike on April 18 or in response to recent easing moves by the Bundeshank. With foreign investors still wary of U.S. bond and equity markets, perceptions that Fed policy has stabilised may be required before capital inflows begin to lend more support to the dollar. By the same token, the Bundeshank's surprise 25-basis point cut in its Lombard rate on April 14 and its subsequent 12-basis point cut in its repo rate on April 20 may be encouraging capital inflows into Germany's more hospitable financial markets. Eventually, the rate advantage of dollar assets over German assets - which is already apparent at all but the shortest maturities - should lead to a stronger dollar. With German growth still stagnant and German inflation likely to fall to 2 per cent or under next year, Germany's need to maintain an overvalued currency will dimin-

We can therefore expect German short-term interest rates to fall by more than the markets expect, to perhaps 4 per cent by this time next year, while the Bundesbank tolerates a gradual weakening of the Deutschemark against the dollar, We continue to look for the dollar to rise to the DM/USD 1.80 level in 6-months time and to continue to trade around that level in

Technical View: The Deutschmark fell 0.1 per cent against the U.S. dollar last week. Sentiment has recently been overbought, but may be set to improve. At the same time, short term momentum also seems ready to improve. Medium term momentum still has an upward bias. All of this implies that still higher highs are still possible in coming weeks, but the currency's rally trend is now mature.

With all of this in mind, a rally through 1.65-1.66 DM/U.S.S could still be enough to signal a challenge of last October's 1.59 high. Support is at 1.726-1.74; a decline through that range would imply a test of the currency's February lows at 1.765. Both short term and medium term momentum for the mark/yen cross-rate appears to be in a bottoming process. This, plus the existence of a potential multi-month base pattern suggests that any further weakness in coming weeks could complete a longer term

bottoming process and set the stage for an important rally.

In that regard, the area near 63.00 is still viewed as both char and momentum resistance. With the cross having tested support at 60.90, a decisive break of that level would allow for a test of the February low at 59.40.

### Pound sterling

Fundamental View: The British pound remained generally stable this week, trading near DM/GBP 2.52 and U.S. VGBP 1.48. We expect the pound to rise to DM/GBP 2.65 in 12 months as short-term DM interest rates fall by 120 basis points compared to ittle change in sterling rates. The pound should also be supported by a substantial yield premium over German bonds. We expect no further reductions in the base interest rate because markets responded unfavourably to the last cut, which was believed to be politically motivated. Thus upcoming elections in May and June would preclude a cut at this time.

Recent data on producer and retail price inflation were more favourable than expected. Sufficient excess capacity is available to accommodate the moderate 2.7 per cent GDP growth we are expecting this year, suggesting little danger of accelerating inflation or the need for hikes in short-term interest rates. We expect the pound to trade at U.S.\$/GBP 1.47 in 12 months as pound appreciation against the DM is roughly offset by DM depreciation against the dollar.

Technical View: The British pound lost 0.4 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended April 15. Sentiment is still neutral. The currency remains in its multi-month trading range, and short term momentum appears to have bottomed. However, medium term momentum continues to offer little definition. The lower end of the trading range at 1.46 U.S.\$/L is support; a hreak below that would allow for at least a test of the 1993 low near

\$1.43 and possibly long term support at \$1.40-\$1.42.

The \$1.50-\$1.51 range is viewed as first resistance. A rally through second resistance at \$1.55 would set the stage for a challenge of the long term benchmark at \$1.60. The DM cross-rate pulled back to 2.52. Short term momentum is peaking even as medium term momentum oscillators remain weak. A break below 2.485 would set the stage for a challenge of 2.43-2.44. Resistance is at 2.53-2.56.

### **International experts push** for higher interest in Middle East tourism "The problem of Beirut could be in itself an attrac-

BEIT MERY, Lebanon (AFP) Lebanon could use the legacy left by 15 years of war to its advantage to boost tourism in the country and the region with Beirut as an important attraction, international experts

And they called on the private sector in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan to invest in three countries at the end of a conference here to develop region-

Lebanon, Jordan and Syria, which signed a treaty last year to activate a three-nation travel circuit, also pledged to meet again in June to discuss plans to promote 1995 as the Year of Arab Tourism.

Geoffrey Gray-Forton, chairman of the U.K.-based consultancy .. firm Meetings World Associates, urged tourism officials and tour operators to act quickly and prepare for an expected boom ahead of peace with Israel.

"If I were them, I would be on the phone early tomorrow morning to the beads of the tourism ministries in the three countries, the national carriers, tour operators, investors and say can we meet Monday to pool our resources."

Mr. Gray-Forton was speaking at the first travel and tourism conference held in postwar Lebanon at a botel in Beit ry, a mountain resort overlooking Beirut.

Kenneth Gazzard, another speaker at the two-day forum who was on his first visit to Lebanon, said: "Prior to coming here people said to me 'you must be crazy.' I would say that 80 per cent of people in England still feel there is a very hairy-scary situation here. They don't identify Beirut with the rest of Lebanon," said Mr. Gazzard, former president of the E. F. MacDonald International Incentive travel com-

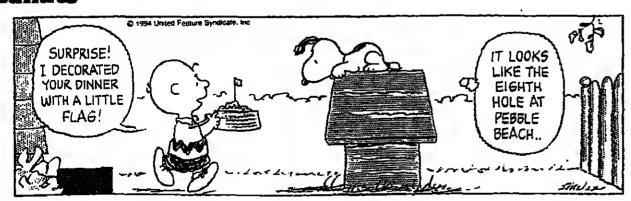
There was such awesome publicity over the years about Beirut," said Mr. Gazzard referring to the 1975-1990 civil war which was marked by cross-city shelling, bombings and the kidnapping and mur-

der of foreigners. Mr. Gazzard said he had a "pretty frightening drive from the airport" because of the extent of destruction he saw along the way but realised after talking to people and visiting archeological sites "that the situation was not so tragic."

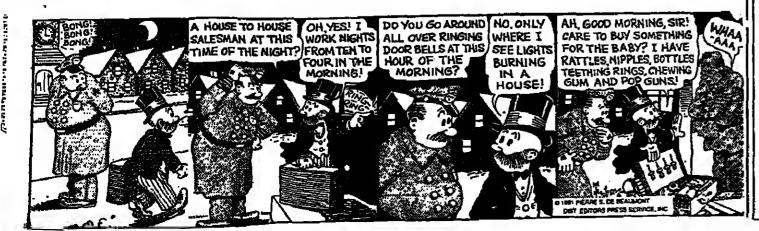


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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY APRIL 30, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Eight planetary aspects keep things moving today and you will be kept busy at regular routines and making a study of your financial condition, with an eye as to how you can improve

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You have important tasks to do that should not be neglected for some passing pleasure, or you could regret it later at some future time.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Make those plans for the day's activities and then carry through with them carefully. Keep active and keep boredom away.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Attend to those home duties which are impossible to do during the work week and have more harmony there with your loved ones:

July 21) Show that you will go to any length to please family members. Engage in your favourite hobby with congenial contrades. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is a good day to tackle any repairs needed on your property and make changes to give you added comfort. Use care in mo-

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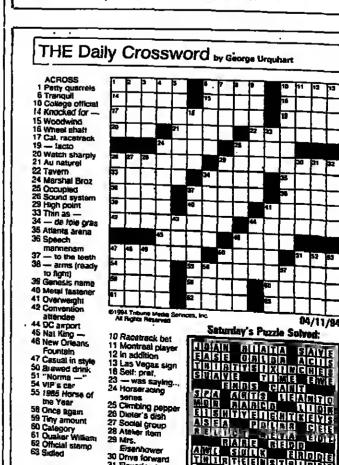
VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Go after whatever you want most today and get good results. Take time to be with good friends and have a good time in whatever activity you pursue.

LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-ber 22) Analyse your life and know how to make it more productive and satisfying in the future. Relax and ease tension that exist by all those around you. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You are now able to gain a personal aim that has been difficult to get in the past. Turn new acquaintances friends you want around.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Be more concerned with getting public work done today and get good results. Take no risks with your reputa-tion or you could lose it.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You can now plan to have greater abundance in the future and be happier. Be more willing to cooperate with others you are associated with.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Handle routine chores early in the day so you will have more time for recreation later. Strive for increased happiness with those at home. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Contact good friends who are too busy during the work week and exchange personal views. Take good care of your health so you can be physically fit.



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Deutsche Mark	1.6723	.1.6734
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French Franc	5.6900	5.6900	5.6300	5.6300	
Japanese Yen	7.0600	2.6500	2.1900	2.3800	
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Deutsche Mark	0.417	0.4793
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French Franc	0.1215	0.1:21
Japanese Yen	0.6808	0.6842
Dutch Guilder	6.3713	0.3732
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Italian Lira	0.0434	0.0436
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Saudi Riyal	0.1861	0.1250	
Kuwaiti Dinar	2.3270	2.3650	
Qatari Riyal	0.1897	0.1907	
Egyptian Pound	0.1950	0.2100	
Omani Riyat	1.7960	1.8120	
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### OECD chief says flexible labour policy is key to raising employment

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Easing labour laws such as those governing minimum wages is one of the keys to raising employment in many industrialised nations, according to OECD chief Jean-Clande Paye.

That is one of the conclusions of a report on work and employment to be made public during the OECD's annual meeting in Paris in mid-May, the secretary general of the Organisation for Economie Cooperation and Development (OECD) has

The OECD report commissioned by the organistion's 25 member states blames the current unemployment crisis mainly on "an insufficient capacity and willingness of our countries... to live up to the challenge of a rapidly changing (global) economy," Mr. Paye

Most industrialised nations especially in Enrope, be added, have "become more rigid" when the times demand

Mr. Paye said such inflexible labour policies in the 1970s and 1980s often took the form of job-protection laws and minimum-wage increases.

They were fueled by the sustained economic growth of the previous two decades.

But economic growth proved clusive during the oil shock of the 1970s, and the rigid labour laws took more wind out of the economy.

The lack of flexibility in the labour market led to inflation. which forced governments to adopt stringent monetary and fiscal policies that, in turn, put the breaks on economic growth, Mr. Paye said. He recommended reforming

the welfare system to make it more efficient and better aimed to those in real need, Governments, bowever, will bave to overcome strong opposition to such reforms. Structural factors are not the

only explanation for unem-ployment, the OECD chief In most countries, he added, cyclical unemployment is not negligeable, as the economic

recovery in the United States

has proven.

The remedy for unemployment, Mr. Paye said, "has to be a blend of short-term monetary and fiscal policies and conjunctural and structu-

## Confusion reigns at AFM

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN --- Prices have hit their lowest this year and trading remains stagnant at the Amman Financial Market (AFM), one of the most lively in the Middle East, the AFM report for the week ending Thursday showed.

Brokers described market indicators as confusing and said a rare combination of factors appeared to be depressing investor interest and prompting small-time speculators to shed their boldings.

At the same time, they said, there was no strong reason to expect the situation to conninue. "Any dramatic development addressing some of the factors could immediately lead to an upturn in the market," said one of them.

The general price index based on 60 major companies dropped 2.4 points to 154.5 points, reflecting a 1.5 per cent decline as the market closed for the week on Tuesday (Wednesday being a public holiday), and trading for the week was JD 6 million, the AFM report said.

The index stood at 167.1 points on March 24, when turnover during the week ending that day was JD 18.2 million. Since then, prices and trading

have been tumbling gradually. But the 11 point drop in the index in five weeks was really sharp, so was the plunge in trading.

"It is rather a confusing state of affairs down here in the market," said a broker. "Political uncertainties related to the peace process, dividend distribution, new issues, unclear prospects of Jordan's economic links with the self-rule territories and unfounded rumours bave acted together to lead to this situation," added

AFM guidelines. The broker also complained that the media were not doing their part in the situation. When the market was booming last year, we used to have television, radio and newspaper people coming here almost every day, trumpeting the

the broker, who cannot be

identified in line with standing

situation," he said.

That had contributed to attracting fresh capital and new investors into the market, he

These days nobody is taking any interest, which is taken to mean by many investors as a sign of bad times and creates hesitancy in the market," the broker said.

"If you interfered and influenced the market to boom then you should also interfere

when things are going bad," added the broker.

The broker and others ≥greed, however, that the absence of media interest was not the prime factor behind the decline.

They said Jordan's move to make its return to peace talks with Israel contingent on an end to the damaging inspections of Agaba-bound ships was explatted by speculators. This was coupled with dividend distribution by many companies, a natural course that depresses

Now that there are signs that the Aqaba situation is being addressed and the natural drop in prices after dividend distribution has more or less stopped, other factors are coming "The violence in the occu-

pied territories and the conflicting signs over when Palestiman self-rule would begin have cast a shadow over the market," said the broker, noting that it was also not clear what role Jordan would have in the selfrule areas of Gaza and Jeneho under an economic agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO). Furthermore, new issues have drained part of the funds circulating in the secondary market, and "it will be some

time before those issues make their formal appearance on the trading floor," he said.

In any event, said the hroker, the government seems to be satisfied with they way the market is going "if only be-cause of the World Bank theory that the lesser the trading in stocks the lesser the inflation."

The AFM report said 1.9 million shares changed hands during last week under 2,914 contracts.

Commercial bank stock accounted for JD 2.7 million. or 45 pet cent of the trading. followed by industries with JD 2.3 million, or 58.3 per cent, the services sector with JD 888,000 or 13.4 per cent, and insurance stock with 1D 200,000 or 3.3 per cent.

The services sector share price index dropped by 3.1 points, or 2 I per cent, the industrial index by 2.5 points, or 1 8 per cent, the commercial bank and financial materialisms index by 2.2 points, or 1 Aper cent, and the insurance index by 0.2 points, or 0.8 per cent-

Shares of 84 companies were traded during the week, with nine of them showing gains, es losing and 10 remaining stable. the AFM report said

The AFM lists 114 companies with a total market value equity of ID 3.5 billion.

## Refinancings seen putting off, not solving Iran's woes

TEHRAN (R) - Cashstrapped Iran, defying U.S. pressure, has refinanced most of its foreign debt arrears, but this success can only postpone rather than solve economic problems rooted in low oil

prices, diplomats say.

Iran proclaimed victory over Washington, which has been pressing its allies to isolate Tehran, after it clinched bilateral agreements with Germany and other creditors to postpone repayment of a total of about \$6 billion of arrears.

But Western diplomats say that while these provide Iran with a welcome breathing space, its debt problem stemmed to a large extent from the depressed price of crude oil, its

main export, and is unlikely to go away as long as oil prices, now between \$15-16 a barrel. remain low.

"The problems facing Iran are not solved, they are put off. What will happen after the grace period ends and when some of the rest of its shortterm debts fall due, say in 1996?" a European diplomat said.

"Despite the rescheduling, there has been no surge of confidence in the market. Look at the currency rates," he said, referring to the rival's failure to strengthen against foreign currencies over the past two months. The rival has recently traded at between 2,550-2,600 to the U.S. dollar

on Iran's open market. The refinancing deals with

Japan, Austria, Switzerland and Denmark are generally modelled after the one reached with Bonn in February. They spread repayments over four years after a two-year grace period at around six per cent annual interest.

Central bank governor Mobammad Hussein Adeli said this month that Iran was negotiating with several other European countries -- including France, the Netherlands, Sweden and Spain — to refi-nance the rest of its \$8 billion overdue payments.

He puts Iran's total short-and medium-term debt at \$16-17 billion. Some Western sources

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say the figure could be as high as \$20 billion or more.

"The decision for the Germans was political as well as economie, given the U.S. pressure not to deal with the tranian government which it considers terrorist," the diplomat said.

He said the bilateral deals --rather than a multilateral accord negotiated through the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which would certainly have been blocked by Washington, the biggest IMF shareholder - had something to offer for everyone.

The United States was left out of the loop, Germany and others avoided a messy Iranian default on insured loans which

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would have been costly for their taxpavers, and "Iran avoided the impression of outside interference such as the IMF imposing conditions on. say, lifting bread subsidies," he

He estimated that Iran would earn about \$10 billion from oil exports and \$3 billion from non-oil industrial and traditional exports this year, while it would need to spend a minimum \$8-9 hillion on essenrial goods and raw materials.

"That leaves about \$5 billion for repaying debts and making new investments. How much will they save? how much will they invest? what if oil prices drop further? the questions are clear but the answers are any-

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body's guess," he haid Oil prices fell about 30 per cent in 1993 and have shown no sign of substantial tecovery since the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

opted against an output cut Iran has clamped down on imports and its budget for the financial year that started any March 21 allocates \$1.6 Pillion for deht payments, but President Akhar Hashenii Rafsanjani's government has not released plans for repayments in coming years.

Some critics say mismanagement by Mr. Rafsantani's economic team is to hlame for the debt problem which followed the opening up of the economy after the Iran-Iray war.

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## Mediators push for Bosnia truce amid fears of new front

SARAJEVO (R) — Western and Russian mediators met Bosnian Serbs Friday to urge them to agree a truce with the Muslim-led government as fears grew that fresh fighting could break ont in the north between the warring sides.

The "contact group" led by U.S. Amhassador Charles Redman and Russian envoy Aleksei Nikiforov, talked for two bours with the Bosnian Serb leadership at Pale outside Sarajevo. They refused to comment afterwards on the

The group faces the uphill task of bridging Serb insistence on a permanent ceasefire and Muslim demands for a shorter truce lasting only two or three

It met Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic in the Bosnian capital Thursday. "The first thing on the agen-

da, as we see it on our side, is to have a cessation of hostilities as soon as possible," Jean Pierre Massat, the Geneva conference on ex-Yugoslavia representative in the group, said in Sarajevo.

Mr. Izetbegovic said his gov-

tide of Rwandan refugees

poured into neighbouring Tan-

zania Friday, fleeing massacres and civil war as aid workers

raced to save bundreds of

thousands of displaced people

from starvation in Rwanda's

Aid agency officials said up to 200,000 Rwandans arrived

in northwestern Tanzania

Thursday and Friday and a

long column of men, women

and children were still fleeing

This is a major humanita

rian disaster. We expect the

number to swell to over

500,000," said Sheila Wilson,

chief delegate for the Interna-

tional Committee of the Red

transport, storage facilities and manpower," said Adam Kim-bisia of the Tanzanian Red

Aid workers said many re-

Bridge into Tanzania as Tanza-

nian troops had stopped guard-

ing it and Rwanda's side of the

frontier was no longer sealed

by Rwandan troops.

"We cannot cope. We need

Cross (ICRC) in Tanzania.

southeastern Rwanda\_

ernment would back a temporary ceasefire of two to three months to allow time for peace negotiations to settle territorial

But the Serbs, who control 70 per cent of Bosnia, are arguing for a permanent ceasefire. The Bosnian government says this would allow the Serbs to hold on to captured land while stalling on a final peace settlement.

As the contact group met the Serbs, peace mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg had talks in Norway with Russian special envoy Vitaly Churkin on former Yngosla-

If the contact group makes progress, the U.S., Russia, France, Britain and Germany could begin negotiations next week on a joint policy towards the Bosnian conflict and the lifting of U.N. sanctions against Serbian-led rump Yugoslavia.

The initiative follows international efforts, including the threat of NATO air strikes. which halted a Serb assault on the Muslim town of Gorazde in east Bosnia at the weekend.

Refugees flood out of Rwanda

Refugees (UNHCR).

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so these huge numbers are arriving," said an official of the U.N. High Commissioner for

He said UNHCR had

enough blankets and shelter

material in position for the refugees in Tanzania and was

sending more staff and arrang-

ing land convoys and airlifts of

Before the flood of refusees

to Tanzania, a total of 20,000 Rwandans had reached Tanza-

nia, 38,000 filed to Burandi, 5,500 escaped to Uganda and 3,300 had taken refuge in Zaire, the UNHCR said.

In addition, 175,000 Burun-

dian refugees in camps in

Rwanda returned home after

the start of massacres and re-

newed civil war following the

death of the presidents of

Rwanda and Burundi in a

rocket attack on their plane

near Rwanda's capital on April

slaughter in Rwanda now in its

fourth week, especially mas-

sacres of members of the

minority Tutsi tribe by Hutu

troops and extremist militia-

men, amounts to a campaign of

But there are fears that without swift action to build on a current lull, fresh fighting could break out between Serbs and Muslims in northern Bos-

The Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) has accused the Muslim forces of preparing an assault on the corridor across northern Bosnia which joins Serb possessions in the east and west of the former Yugoslav republic.

The United States said intelligence reports showed the BSA was moving men and weapons to the area around Brcko, the weakest point in the

Meanwhile, U.N. Protection Force spokesman Eric Chaperon said more peacekeeping troops were being sent to Gorazde.

A British company of 100 to 150 men was expected to head for Gorazde Friday in Saxon armoured vehicles, together with a headquarters unit and combat engineers who would start clearing mines around the town's water-supply plant. Mr. Chaperon said a Ukrai-

Aid agencies estimate the death toll at 100,000 but fear it is considerably more. Piles of

rotting corpses are fouling wa-ter supplies, threatening a dou-ble disaster for survivors of the

Many of the more than

40,000 refugees, mostly Tutsis, who crossed the Burundian

and Zairean borders have told

horrific stories of troops and

militiamen trying to hunt them

Aid workers said many had been deliberately maimed and had gruesome wounds from

They said the easiest frontier

for refugees to cross was Ugan-

da but relatively small numbers

had fled there as most felt safe

in areas held by the rebel

Rwanda Patriotie Front

Fighting rock suburb

Meanwhile, shelling and

shooting rocked a suburb of

the Burundian capital of Bu-

jumbura overnight and Friday

apparently at the start of an

of Burundi capital

machetes, axes and knives,

nian company was also being readied to leave in the next day or so. There are currently about 500 U.N. soldiers in Gorazde.

In Zagreb, Croatia accused rebel Serbs holding a third of its territory of not complying with the terms of a U.N.brokered ceasefire and called on the international community to exert pressure on them.

Hrvoje Sarinic, chief Croatian negotiator in talks on the rebel-held Krajina region, said in a letter to U.N. special envoy Yasushi Akashi that Serbs had failed to withdraw heavy weapons from a 20kilometre zone along part of the 1,600 kilometres (1,000 miles) demarcation line.

Sarinie also accused the Serbs of failing to pull back infantry as required and refusing to accept deployment of joint police patrols in huffer

A U.N. spokesman admitted there were problems with the implementation of the monthold ceasefire, but said they did not jeopardise the peace pro-

mistrust,

election calls

TOKYO (R) — Ministers in

Japan's new minority govern-ment woke up Friday to the

depressing news that much of the country had written them

off before they even started

"It's sad but we can't find

words for a government that

lost the people's confidence before it was formed," said the influential Asahi Shimbun in

After helping elect Tsutomu

Hata as prime minister, the

Socialist Party left the coalition

in a buff Monday after con-

servative coalition members

grouped together to try to mar-

ginalise their left wing part-

This left Mr. Hata heading

Japan's first minority govern-ment for nearly four decades,

and many analysts blame him

and his close allies, especially

the shadowy Ichiro Ozawa, for

taking a power game too far, and indicated they made light

of their responsibilities as gov-

ernment leaders of the world's

second biggest economy.

"The Hata government has

eompletely betrayed onr hopes," Asahi said.

newspaper for business execu-

tives, said the government would not be able to get any-

thing done.
"It is impossible to expect

anything from the minority

Hata cabinet on big policy

issues," it said in an editorial.

pass the 1994-95 budget, now four weeks late, before the

current session of parliament

ends on June 30. After that it

Mr. Hata's first task is to

Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a

They say it was the result of

causing the split.

an editorial.



U.S. marshalls escort Aldrich Ames (centre) out of federal court after he pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion charges and was sentenced to life in prison (AFP photo)

### Japan 'Most damaging spy' cabinet gets life sentence in U.S. provokes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Aldrich Ames, the highest-paid and highest-ranking Russian spy ever caught inside the CIA, was sentenced to life in prices without people in what a prison without parole in what a prosecutor called "the most damaging spy case in the history of this country."

Mr. Ames, 52, pleaded guil-ty without a trial and admitted being paid \$2.5 million by the Soviet Union and then Russia since April 1985 for U.S. sec-

Once bead of counterintelligence in the CIA's Soviet-East Enrope section, Mr. Ames admitted disclosing the identi-ties, of 10 Russian officials and one East European who were spying for the United States or Great Britain.

Prosecutors said at least four Soviet KGB or GRU (military intelligence) agents among the 11 were executed.

"He traded people's lives for \$2.5 million," U.S. attorney Helen Fahey said. In Moscow, President Boris

Yeltsin charged the United States had turned the Ames case into an anti-Russian political campaign, according to remarks published Thursday. He told Russian intelligence

officers that the United States is increasing its spying in Russia, but thinnks Russia has no right to do the same in the United States.

Mr. Ames said he never learned the fate of those he betrayed. But reading his first public statement since his Feh. 21 arrest, Ames expressed "deepest sympathy" for those
"who may have suffered from my actions."

He professed "profound shame and guilt" for "this betrayal of trust, done for the basest motives" - money to pay debts.

told the court, he did not be-lieve he had "noticeahly dam-aged" the United States or "noticeably aided" Moscow.

But prosecutors said in court papers, "Ames" compromise of these penetrations of the Soviet military and intelligence services deprived the United States of extremely valuable, intelligence material for years to come."

Ames' Colombian-horn wife, Rosario, 41, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit espionage and evade income taxes. The government said she aided and supported her husband's treachery without ever bandling or transmitting

secrets to the Russians.
U.S. District Judge Clande Hilton deferred ber sentencing until Aug. 26 so the government bas time to see whether Mr. Ames fulfills his agreement to tell investigators everything be disclosed, how be operated and any help he may have received.

In another part of the deal, the Ameses agreed to give the government any future payments they might earn for the sale of their stories and all their assets.

Mr. Ames said in April 1985 he sold the Soviet KGB the identities of several Soviet citizens who appeared to be working for the CIA inside the Soviet Union, but whom be believed actually were still loyal to the KGB.

Months later, "I did some-thing which is still not entirely explicable even to me: Without preconditions or any demand for payment, I volunteered to the KGB information identifying virtually all Soviet agents of the CIA and other American and foreign services known to me," Mr. Ames said, adding that be was surprised when the

# out his remarks were seen here

SEOUL (AFP) — South Korea Friday rejected a North Korean call to replace an existing armistice with a peace treaty, urging Pyongyang to allow full outside inspections

"Resolution of the nuclear problem is the priority task." the South's Foreign Ministry

No peace treaty was signed at the end of the Korean war, 1950-53, only an armistice,

But Seoul accused Pyongyang of making the proposal to "blur the core issue of the

new mechanism guaranteeing peace as proposed by the North is one that should be settled between South and North Korea, not between the U.S. and North Korea," it

ports from New York that North Korea hinted at accepting additional nuclear checks demanded by the International Atomie Energy Agency (IAEA).

tionally allow one more inspection after watching the attitude of the U.S. and the IAEA," local newspapres quoted Pak Gil-Yon, the North's U.N. enchemical laboratory, which the IAEA says is a nuclear repro-In March, Pyongyang barred IAEA inspectors from the lab. Aside from the lab, North Korea has invited the Viennabased nuclear watchdog to wirness the replacement of fuel rods at a five-megawatt reactor

as indicating Pyongyang might allow IAEA inspectors to

check a controversial radio-

in Yongbyon. Unconfirmed press reports bere said the IAEA had accepted the proposal on condition that they he later allowed to sample the fuel rods to estimate the amount of plutonium the North might have stasbed for manufacturing

On Thursday, U.S. and North Korea officials met in New York for the first time in two months to discuss the nuc-

The U.S. side said it would scrap a U.S.-South Korea joint military exercise, Team Spirit, scheduled in November, and would resume high-level talks with Pyongyang, if the latter reached an agreement on inspections with the IAEA.

Washington on ending decades

### Top British cop caught speeding Berlusconi at his own men gets nod

government ROME (AP) — Holding onto his empire of TV networks, at least for now, Silvio Berlusconi will tackle the task of forming Italy's first postwar conservative-led government by breaking with another tradi-Mr. Berlusconi said he would begin Monday to lay the groundwork for his government by first sounding out labour and industrial leaders

nomy, then would come the turn of politicians.

Mr. Berlusconi's probable coalition partners are the antibureaucratic Northern League and the National Alliance, heirs to Benito Mussolini's political legacy who shortly be-fore the election disavowed

about Italy's recession-hit eco-

to form

their neo-fascist roots. Some of his allies, however, are worried that Mr. Berlusconi's vast media, merchandising and real estate holdings would pose potential conflicts of in-

But the tycoon made plain that he wasn't about to relinquish control of the sprawling interests that made him one of the richest men in Italy.

There already is an antitrust law," to cover such matters, Mr. Berlusconi said, adding there were no immediate plans to sell any of his networks. But critics have contended that that law was tailormade for Mr. Berlusconi, allowing him to keep his three networks, which dominate the

private airwaves., With his Fininvest Stations' chief competitor consisting of the three channels of RAI state TV, running the country would mean Mr. Berlusconi could have influence on most of what Italians watch on their screens, from entertainment to talk shows, to newscasts.

Also in his empire are the country's largest newsweekly, Panaroma, and the winningest major league soccer team, AC Milan. It also includes a supermarket chain that spans Italy, Malta and Slovenia Berlusconi-run publicity companies advertise the supermarcets' merchandise, and there are cinemas and film production and real estate companies

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro summoned Mr. Berlusconi Thursday to the presidential palace on the Quirinal Hill and asked him to put together Ita-

ly's 53rd postwar government. Mr. Scalfaro was widely expected to name Mr. Berlusconi, after parliamentary elections last month in which Mr. Berlusconi's fledgling coalition ended a half-century of Christian Democrat-dominance.

! Mr. Berlusconi said his government would immediately create a kind of watchdog panel made up of three jurists — already chosen by him — to come up "with a formula to guarantee" no conflict of interests. He wasn't specific, but pledged his government would be "scrupulously impartial" in its workings.

"Balance and good sense this will be style of governmernt that the premier will have to guarantee to his allies, to parliament and to the coun-

try," Mr. Berinsconi said. His plan for the three watchdogs drew a quick thnmbs down from parliament's largest opposition group, the former Communists, a few hours before Mr. Berlusconi's nomination, Achille Occhetto, that party's leader, signed a petition in a drive to get a voter referendum to revamp anti-

Mr. Berlusconi's conservative alliance has a majority in the lower Chamber of Deputies, but fell just short of the majority in the Senate. Mr. Berlusconi's own party

was created a couple months

before the election, known as Forza Italy (from the soccer cheer, Let's Go, Italy), the party's leadership draws heavily from his business associates. One potential stumbling block is allies' demands for key cabinet posts. Northern League leader Umberto Bossi quickly reiterated claims on

the Interior, Treasury, Industry and other ministries. Mr. Berlusconi's appointment at the presidential palace was carried live by one of his networks, which, while viewers waited for word on whether he had gotten the nod from Mr. Scalfaro, ran scenes of Mr. Berlusconi victorious on elec-

tion night. One of the guarantees that transmit information, promised Mr. Berlusconi, would be

### LONDON (R) — A top British police officer was caught speeding by his own men on the day they began a campaign to enforce speed limits, newspapers reported Friday. Chie? Constable Keith Povey, head of the Leicestershire Police Force in central England was caught driving at 80 miles (128 kilometres), per hour in a 50 miles (80 kilometres) an hour zone. Chief Povey, 51, who

told officers to treat him like any other motorist, was ordered to appear in court next month. He could face a driving ban. A new campaign against speeding has launched across Britain, using a graphic televi-sion commercial showing a young girl being knocked down and killed.

### Michael English big winner at Gospel awards

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Michael English was named artist of the year and top male vocalist Thursday night at the Gospel Music Association's 25th annual Dove Awards. "I can't believe this is bappening," a stunned English told the audience at the Grand Ole Opry House. He also won for Best Contemporary Alhum for Hope. Steven Curtis Chapman won three awards: songwriter of the Year, Contemporary Song for Go There With You, and Best Long-Form Video for The Live Adventure. "Thanks to all or yon who have planted seeds in me," he told the audience. Twila Paris won top female vocalist for the second straight year. In Christ Alone, written by Sbawn Craig and Don Koch, was voted Song Of The Year, and the quartet Point of Grace was named Best New Artist. Awards were announced in 34 categories during a live two-hour broadcast on cahle TV's the Family Channel. Winners were chosen by 3,000/ members of the Gospei Association. The honours, known as the Academy Awards of Gospel Music, are called the Dove Awards in reference to the bird mentioned in the Bi-1.74: 17: THE

### **Briton stripped** of doctorate for cheating

LONDON (R) — Britain's prestigious Oxford University has stripped former student of his doctorate after he was accused of plagiarism — only the second time this century the institution has taken such a step. Garry Owen Hughes, who studied at Oxford's Trinity College from 1982 to 1986. lost the title after bis former supervisor was alerted to similarities between Mr. Hughes's thesis and one published in the United States, a university spokeswoman said. "I had" been surprised by the great improvement in Garry's work but I suppose I attributed this to my teaching," the Daily," Telegraph newspaper quoted Professor Jack Pole as saying. Mr. Hughes, who now works in insurance in Philadelphia but comes from western England, is accused of copying parts of a Princeton University text into his doctorate thesis. "the redefinition of Pennsylvania politics 1740-90, the spokeswoman said. She said it was very rare for university diplomas to be withdrawn and officials knew of only one other such case ar Oxford this century.

### Part of frame of The Scream found in Norway

OSLO (R) - Part of the frame of the stolen Norwegian masterpiece The Scream bas been found in what could be a cryptic sign of the thieves want talks on returning the work, the National Gallery said. But the bizarre; find of the 95 cm (37 inch) long piece of giltcovered wood at a disused bus stop outside Oslo also stirred fears that the 1893 painting by Norway's Edvard Munch, one of the best-known in the world, may have been damaged. "It's extremely difficult to evaluate the importance of the find. But it must bave been planted there... It indicates that they are trying to establish contact." Knut Berg, director of the National Gallery, tole Reuters. The Scream, showing a waif-like figure widemouthed in terror beneath a blood-red sky, was stolen from the National Gallery on Feb. 12, the day of the opening of the Lillebammer Olympics. 'It's a fragile painting. Rumours that it had been taken out of the frame have now been confirmed. That makes us awfully nervous."

### army campaign to disarm gun-men by force. "The security situation in southern Rwanda is worsening Yeltsin foes: Peace pact is propaganda

MOSCOW (AFP) — President Boris 'Yeltsin's political focs charged Friday that a civic accord pact signed by about 200 leaders was a "propaganda campaign" orchestrated by the Kremlin and said it lacked concrete applications.

This declaration, despite its solemn signatures, in reality changes nothing in the life of Russia" charged members of the Accord for Russia Movement. a broad-based opposition coalition that includes Mr. Yeltsin's arch rival, former Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi.

"We are ready to seek accord on the basis of concrete actions and not by participating in an extraordinary propaganda campaign whose slo-gans and watchwords serve to cover up impotent and destructive policies", they said in a statement released at a news

Russia's political, social and religious leaders signed Thursday a pact on social accord, an agreement proposed by Mr. Yeltsin to lay ground rules for political conduct up until the 1996 presidential election.

ground and burst into flames

at a morgue set up next to the

Signatories pledged to re-frain from calling for early elections and pushing for amendments to Mr. Yeltsin's new post-Soviet constitution. Two demands that led to a violent uprising by the former hardline parliament last Octo-

Leaders of the Communist Party, the conservative Agrarian Party and the reformist Yabloko Bloc refused to sign

the pact.

of government that would in-

tion on civic accord.

Zyuganov and Agrarian leader Mikhail Lapshin have joined Accord For Russia and plan to hold a founding conference on May 19 during which delegates were to issue a rival declara-

In the statement, opposition leaders stressed that Mr. Yeltsin's peace pact would lead to "the collapse of the scientificindustrial complex in the country, large-scale plundering of state property and of the treasury, degradation of our people and the destruction of our

national religion and culture." "Today, we must first of all agree on a change in the course

crew members. Most of the

kneeling beside coffins drap-

clude, as a priority, measures to save Russia," they added. The statement was presented to the press by Mr. Zynganov, Mr. Lapsbin, nationalist deputy Sergei Baburin, centrist Stanislav Govorukhin, deputy speaker of the upper house of parlia-

ment, Pyotr Romanov and a Rutskoi supporter, Vladimir Mr. Lipitsky said that although Rntskoi did not attend the news conference, he was aware of the contents of the statement denouncing the

Yeltsin pact and "fully supported" it. Mr. Baburin called for the resignation of Duma speaker Ivan Rybkin, who signed the Yeltsin accord on behalf of the lower house of parliament, but

Mr. Zyuganov and Mr. Lapshin disagreed. Supporters of the pact had said it was important that it be signed ahead of May Day Sunday, after anti-government protests that turned into riots

"It is a situation where it is necessary to dissolve the lower on the holiday last year, left a policeman dead and nearly 600 house and call an election when the budget has passed."
But the 58-year-old Hata people injured. said Thursday be would avoid Mass funeral held for Japan crash victims

calling an early general elec-tion, not due until 1997. The previous government under Morihiro Hosokawa, passed a package of reform bills in January, including an overhaul of the electoral system. But an early poll would go under the old rules, benefitting the LDP and Socialists.

Toru Hayano, a member of Asahi's editorial committee, said in a caustie frontpage analysis the government's fragility would make it hard for foreign governments to trust it. "Apart from the chaotic

period after the war, the framework of authority has surely never looked so fra-gile," he wrote. "Diplomats are worried that from now on, wben Japan's government promises something, the other country might not trust it." Mr. Hata said he wanted to

reopen stalled trade talks with the United States aimed at reducing Japan's vast trade surplus, though he added that now was not the time to visit Washington to break the dead-

## Nevertbeless, Mr. Ames 'KGB paid him \$2 million Seoul rebuffs North's offer: urges nuclear inspections

of its nuclear facilities.

said in a statement.

(nuclear) problem." "The issue of establishing a

The statement followed re-

lear standoff.

In its proposal for a peace treaty Thursday, Pyongyang demanded talks be held with of cold war hostility between the two sides and bury the

his networks would properly the "professionalism" of its managers and journalists. The businessman also promised to make government "less invasive bur more efficient." | makes us awful Mr. Berg said.

### TOKYO (AP) — Relatives of Mrs. Uchihashi suffered Taiwanese victims of the China broken ribs and intestinal rup-Airlines jet crash that killed tures. The other survivors -263 people earlier this week five Japanese and two held a mass funeral Friday, and Taiwanese — also are bospitalpolice said they have identified ised with serious injuries. She Airport. regained consciousness briefly a woman who survived the crash but had been uncon-Thursday night, but doctors scious. said she was sleeping Friday and heavily sedated. The survivor — one of only eight people spared when The flight from Taipei was the jet slammed into the carrying 256 passengers and 15

 was identified as Mina Sofia passengers were from Japan Uchihashi, a 21-year-old Phiand Taiwan, though 17 Filipilippine citizen, according to nos and one South Korean police in Aichi, the prefecture were also aboard. in central Japan where the Families of the Taiwanese crash occurred Tuesday. passengers killed in Thursday's Mrs. Uchibashi was identicrash gathered Friday morning fied by her Japanese husband, for a mass funeral, many who had been searching for her

ped with shiny, gold-coloured airport where the jet crashed in a failed landing attempt. A Buddhist monk chanted Another 38 hodies were prayers for the dead and identified at the morgue by hurned incense sticks to pla-Friday afternoon, leaving eight cate their souls. still unknown.

Meanwhile, investigators from the United States, France and Taiwan, as well as 950 Japanese police, continued to search for the cause of the crash Tuesday night at Nagoya Japanese investigators said

they found no sign of an explosion in either engine of the Airbus A300-600R that slammed to the ground and burst into flames after the pilot radioed in that be was going to try landing again.

Japan's Ministry of Trans-

portation said the maker of the

plane's engines, Pratt and

Whitney, had been ordered by

the U.S. Federal Aviation

Administration in 1991 to im-

prove the design of the compressor blades. A ministry official said it was not yet known whether the engines on the plane, bought in January 1991, had actually been updated as required under the order.

### should go to the polls, the paper said. "Passing the budget which Passing the budget, which the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and other opposition parties appear positive on, is one thing. But after this has passed, violent changes in the scene are expected and the future prospects are complete-ly opaque," the paper said.

meaning that technically both sides are still at war.

"We are willing to excep-

voy, as saying.
The envoy did nor elaborate

# leaves for Bangkok

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's junior national tennis team left Amman for Bangkok Friday to take part in the qualifying round of the NTT world junior tennis championship which will take place in Japan

in August. The Kingdom will be represented by three promising young players — Tharwat Al Qaisi, Ahmad Al Hadid and Jamal Olaby. The delegation is beaded by Jordan Tennis Federation (JTF) member Ibrahim Al Hadid.

Jordan will be contesting qualification alongside 11 other Asian teams in the Asia/Oceania qualifying round which will be in Thailand May 1-9.

Mr. Hadid told the Jordan Times that this would be the first time Jordan plays in such a competition reserved for under-14 players only. Among 85 countries contesting qualification worldwide. the only other Arab countries will be playing in the African group. They are: Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Sudan. The Kingdom's team will

Koug, India, Iudonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philip-pines and Thailand.

Following the qualifying round, three teams will represent Asia in the world

championship.
In addition to the three Asian teams, 13, other nations will compete in the world championship: 6 from Europe, 2 from North America, 3 from South America, 1 from Africa in addition to Japan, the host nation.

The JTF is now keen on preparing a young national team that will hopefully best represent the Kingdom in years to come.

The men's national team is now in a difficult transitory phase after the retirement last year of the Kingdom's top player Ham Al Ali following Jordan's relegation to group 3 in the 1993 Davis

Cup competition.

This year, the promising
Laith Al Azzouni led Jordan's team to the Davis Cup competition in Qatar April 4-10 where they played Bahrain, Lebanon, Brunei, and Uzbekistan.

Jordan remained in group 3 after only managing a win over Brunei, while Uzbekistan was promoted to group 2.

## National tennis team | Atlanta Hawks, Orlando Magic lose home-court advantage

lead to 92-87.

Miami, swept by Chicago in

1992 in the team's only other

postseason appearance, carries a 1-0 lead in the series into

Saturday night's game, also in the Omni. The Hawks won

their last seven home games in

the regular season and posted a 36-5 record at the Omni going

into the playoffs.

"This is a very big victury, I guess the biggest the franchise has had," Rice said."We win

our first playoff game. We

finally win in this building. I

think we put a lot of pressure

22 points and Bimbo Coles

scored 17. Kevin Willis led the Hawks with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Craig Ehlo added 15

Steve Smith led Miami with

on Atlanta.

The Associated Press

IT DID not take the Atlanta Hawks and Orlando Magic long to lose the home-court advantage in the playoffs.

In the first two games of the first night of the NBA postsea-son, the Miami Heat and Indiana Pacers were the surprise and Pacers were the surprise winners Thursday. Miami had its first playoff win in four tries, an 88-85 victory over Atlanta at the Omni.

And the Pacers, on a 3pointer by Byron Scott with two seconds left, kept Orlando from winning the first playoff game in franchise history, edging the Magic 89-88 at Oriando, Fla.

First-round play in the other four best-of-5 series was to begin Friday night with New Jersey at New York, Cleveland at Chicago, Portland at Hous-ton and Golden State at

The Heat entered the play-offs coming off six losses in their last eight games. Atlanta finished the season with six victories in its final eight games, good enough for the top seeding — and home advantage — in the Eastern

The advantage, however, quickly shifted to the visitors. Miami held Atlanta without Scott's winning shot capped Indiana's comeback from a 17-point deficit. Shaquille a field goal in the final seven minutes and erased a 77-69 O'Neal's tip-in put Orlando ahead 88-86 with 25 seconds to deficit in the final 10 minutes. Glen Rice made a tip-in that gave Miami a 90-87 lead with 32 seconds remaining, then go, but Indiana then got four shots at tying it our going ahead. Rik Smits missed a 12added two free throws 20 footer, Indiana missed tip and seconds later to stretch the Reggie Miller mistired on a 3-pointer before scott struck from the right wing. "I'd say it the biggest tip I ever got," Rice said.

Miller led Indiana with 24 points and Scott had 12. O'Neal scored 24 points and Dennis Scott 15 for the Magic. Game 2 is Saturday night.

At San Antonio, the Spurs lost all five of their games to Utah during the season. But San Antonio won the sixth and most important — game as David Robinson scored 25 points and Terry Cummings added 18. The Spurs opened a 24-point lead five minutes into the third quarter.

Karl Malone had 36 points and 10 rebounds for Utah, Jazz coach Jerry Sloan was ejected with 7:37 remaining for arguing an offensive foul call.

## Agassi advances to Atlanta quarterfinals

ATLANTA (R) — Just three minutes before turning 24, Andre Agassi won a closelyfought second round match late Thursday in advance to the quarterinals at the \$300,000 ATT challenge tennis tournament.

Agassi, the third-seed and ranked 20, struggled all the way to defeat unseeded American, Richey Reneberg 4-6 6-2 6-4, closing out the win just before midnight Thursday.

Agassi will meet fellowAmercian, Malivai Washing-

ton in the quarterfinals. Washington, the fourth seed, needed three sets to get past 41-year-old fellow American, Jimmy Connors, winning 6-4 3-6 6-1.

Top seeded American. Michael Chang, endured long rallies in the scorching heat with Brazil's Luiz Mattar before winning 6-3 7-5 in one bour and 57 minutes.

Second seeded Todd Martin of the U.S. easily defeated unseeded American qualifier. Brian Dunn 6-3 6-2

Agassi looked off form in the first set with Reneberg but threw in a flurry of dropshots in the second and third sets to keep his opponent off balance. That's exactly what it was

- a gift," Agassi said of his midnight birthday present. "I did not win that match. Richey got an assist on that one." Connors dropped serve once in the first set with Washington Andre Agassi but found renewed fire in the second set, winning it with an

After that, the years started to show as Connors' legs slewed down. Washington began to utilise an effective Joh and Connots wilted 6-1 in the

"I just didn't think to loh him but once I did it I thought I should have been doing it the whole match," Washington

Martin will next play man who construct him turn professional in 1990 Mar tin faces Sweden . Mars Weiser der in the quarterfinals, a play or he beat at levest little four

years ago.

"I beat him fen 7.5 6.4." Martin said of the win of Pote a Halls, a special event. "It was an end-all convences that it was

### be competing alongside Australia, China, Taipei, Hong Sanchez advances NEWS IN BRIEF

Senna in record-breaking form IMOLA, Italy (AFP) — Brazil's Ayrton Senna smashed the track record here Friday in the first free practice session for Sunday's San Marino Formula One Grand Prix. The Williams-Renault driver's time of 1min 21.598sec bettered the 1min 21.842sec former best mark at Imola of 1992 world champion Nigel Mansell, Senna's British teammate Damon Hill was

Milan to play in China

BEIJING (AFP) - Italian champions AC Milan are to bring their star-studded lineup to China. AC Milan will take on 10-time Chinese champions Liaoning on June 14 in the northeastern province's capital, Shenyang. However several Milan stars will be missing as the match comes just three days before the World Cup finals start in the United States. Liaoning made the headlines last month when it hired celebrated Chinese athletics coach Ma Junren to inject pace in't their players. Ma leaped to fame when his "army" of women distance runners took the athletics world by storm last year, shattering several world records.

second and Germany's Michael Schumacher, who won the first two races of 1994, was third.

### Iranian player missing in Japan

volleyball team was missing after his team competed in an international volleyball competition, Japanese reports said Friday. The reports, carried by the Japan Broadcasting Corp. and Kyodo news service, did not identify the missing player, but said he was a member of Iran's Abgineh Ghazvin volleyball team. He competed in the Hiroshima Peace Cup men's and women's volleyball championships in Hiroshima, April 20-24, they said.

### FIFA studies possible 2 hosts for World Cup

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) -- FIFA is studying the possibility that South Korea and Japan could jointly host the 2002 World Cup, FIFA executive board member Peter Velappan said here. Velappan, in California to visit the state's two venues for the 1994 World Cup, said the plan would allow for 32 finalists in 2002. They could be divided into two groups of 16, one in South Korea and one in Japan.

### Germany turns up the heat

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ABU DHABI (AFP) - Germany's Ulf Kirsten and Maurizio Gaudino scored in a cantious 2-0 friendly victory over United Arab Emirates here Wednesday. The world champions appeared to be more interested in avoiding injury and tiredness in the 32 degree (90 degree Fahrenheit) heat than ramming home their superiority. But in the 67th minute, Berti Vogts team finally notched up the opening goal, when Kirsten nodded home. Gaudino, who had only come on as sub a few minutes before, scored an individual goal in the final minute.

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: •A K10963 J8542 +73 The bidding has proceeded: doing has proceeded:
North East Se
3 Dbl ?

What action do you take?

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, yer: ±K63 %A10753 83 ±Q72 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West

1: 1 4 ? What do you bid now?

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you bold: +J853 '4 Q92 +AKQ73 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 3 • Dbl Past ? What action do you take?

Q.4-As South, vulnerable, you +AQJ107 7K954 .873 +6 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West
1 + Pass 1 + Pass
2 Pass ?

Q.5-As South, vulnerable, you ◆KQJ87642 7Q3 Q ◆Q8
Partner opens the bidding with two
no trump. What do you respond?

What do you bid now?

Q.6-Both winerable, as South you hold 94 173 +AKQ973 What do you bid now? Look for answers on Monday.

# in Citizen Cup

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) - Defending champion Arantxa Sanchez Vicario shook off a knee injury Thursday and routed Argentina's Bettina Fulco-Villella, 6-3, 6-0, to reach the quarterfinals of the

The Spaniard suffered a strain in practice Monday, but showed no signs of the injury in rolling past Fulco-Villella, a 1988 French Open quarterfi-"It still aches when I'm run-

ning, but it's much better," Sanchez Vicario said. On Tuesday, in struggling to beat qualifier Elena Wagner of Bulgaria in three sets, the world no. 2 was visibly slowed

by her injury.
Second-seeded Sauchez Vicario was challenged only once during the match hy Fulco-Villella, who has fallen to world no. 137 after suffering a shoulder injury.

By lashing some backhand passing shots, the Argentinian won two straight games in the first set to cut Sanchez Vicario's lead to 3-2. But two games later, Sanchez Vicario took control of the match by breaking her opponent's serve.

She next faces Georgia's

Leila Meskhi, who upset eighth-seeded Katerina Maleeva, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. Germany's Anke Huber, coming off a three-month layoff due to back problems. also reached the quarterfinals by edging Poland's Katarzyna Nowak, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, while Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva ousted Czech Pavlina Radzlova, 6-1, 6-4.

Sanchez Vicario, who won at Barcelona last week, is trying to reach her fifth final in seven tournaments this year.
If she succeeds, the Spaniard

is likely to face a rematch against Steffi Graf, a seventime winner of the tournament whom she dethroned last year. Graf, whose next opponent is fifth-seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, is un-beaten in 1994. She did not

play Thursday. "I don't think about Steffi." Sanchez Vicario said. "I just think about my next match."
Huber needed two hours

and 32 minutes to dispatch Nowak, who is the world no. 173. The 19-year-old German is trying to break into the top 10 again after her absence from competition.

## Gustafsson, Korda avoid upset in Munich tourney

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Petr Korda of the Czech Re-public and Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson avoided the rash of upsets at the BMW open by hreezing to easy victories Thursday to reach the quarter-

Korda routed young German Oliver Gross, playing in his first ATP tour event, 6-4, 6-2 while Gustafsson onsted countryman Magnus Larsson

In his first two rounds of play, four seeds were upset including second-seeded Andrei Medvedev of Ukraine and third-seeded Cedrie Pioline of France.

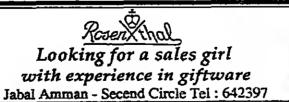
Germany's Bernd Karbacher also advanced by outlasting Marcos Ondruska of

South Africa, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6.

In the first set, the 26-yearold Korda jumped to a 3-0 lead against Gross, who was obviously intimidated and sprayed halls all over the court. The 20-year-old plays in Germany's club circuit.

But after Gross rallied to draw even at 4-4, Korda picked up the tempo and used his experience to pound out a onesided victory. The veteran Czech, ranked 13th in the world, was the 1992 French Open finalist.

In the quarterfinals, Korda will square off against Gustafsson, while top-seeded Michael Stich of Germany faces eighthseeded Wayne Ferreira of



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## **British** boxer dies two days after fight

LONDON (AP) — Bradley Stone's death from brain injuries suffered in a British title fight triggered a debate over whether the sport should be banned.

Stone, 23, died Thursday night at Royal London Hospit-al, nearly 48 hours after falling into a coma following his de-feat in a bout for the British super-bantamweight title in

He had collapsed at his fian-cee's home a few hours after being stopped in the 10th round by a barrage of punches from opponent Richie Wen-

In a vain attempt to save his life, Stone underwent surgery to remove a blood elot on his brain and was put on a life support system. Stone's fiancee Donna Lawrence, his mother, brother

and more than a dozen other relatives and friends were at the boxer's bedside when he was pronounced dead at 8:15 p.m. (2015 GMT) Thursday. Stone is the first British boxer to die as a result of injuries suffered in the ring since Scottish welterweight Steve Watt in

Stone's death led to renewed calls for boxing to be banned, a position held by the British Medical Association. But neurosurgeon John Sutcliffe, who treated Stone, said he opposes a ban.

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### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### 'Arafat to enter Jericho in June'

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat should enter the West Bank town of Jericho in the first week of June, a senior Israeli negotiator said Friday. "There is nothing to stop Yasser Arafat going to Jericho as soon as the autonomy agreement is signed on Wednesday," said the official who refused to be named. "But he will no doubt wait until the first week of June when the Israeli army has completed its withdrawal and redeployment," the negotiator told journalists aboard a return flight to Tel Aviv from Cairo where an agreement to launch autonomy was reached on Thursday. The official also confirmed that besides freeing 5,000 Palestinian prisoners after the agreement is signed, Israel and the PLO had decided that Palestinians opposed to the peace process could also be released from jail. But he explained: "We are ready to envisage such releases only if the prisoners make a written commitment (renouncing violence) and if their hands are not stained with (Israeli) blood." Negotiations would continue on the fate of the 9,000 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, he

### Observers to deploy in Hebron on May 8

TEL AVIV (AFP) -- International observers for Hebron will be officially deployed in the West Bank town from May 8, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Friday. Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreed to the 160da, as we see for Palestinians after a Jewish settler massacred more than 30 to have a cessionalization. ties as soon as Muslims in Hebron on Feb. 25. An agreement specifying the ties as soon as valuation of the 90 Norwegians, 35 Danes and 35 Italians will conference on signed in Copenhagen on Monday, spokesman Raphael representative gin deploying three days later, the spokesman said, but he Mr. Izetbee uld not give a breakdown of the figures.

### Iran says it will stage rally in Mecca

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran on Friday insisted it would stage an "antipathy to pagans" rally in Mecca this year despite what it said was a Sandi Arabian ban. Tehran Radio quoted the official who will lead Iran's pilgrim contingent as saying there was a "divine injunction" to perform the ceremony, which is traditional for Shi'ite Muslims. The official, Hojatoleslam Mohammad Reyshahri, said the religious aspects of the pilgrimage should not be divorced from the political ones. Usually, the Iranians have chanted anti-American and anti-Western slogans during the rallies. Hojatoleslam Reyshahri said the Saudis had banned the ceremony this year. It was not clear whether he was referring to the traditional ban on political activity, which is reiterated annually, or whether he was referring to a new - so-far unpublicised - Sandi ban,

### 300 feared dead in Mombasa disaster

MOMBASA, Kenya (AFP) — Some 300 people were believed to have died when a ferry connecting Mombasa island with the southern mainland sank early Friday, the official Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) reported. The Mtongwe ferry was carrying 300 people, most of them commuters heading for work on the island, when it sank into the Indian Ocean. The ferry's maximum capacity is 150 people. There was no word on why the vessel sank. Some 50 bodies had already been recovered and transported to the city's morgue, witnesses said. Mombasa currently has only two ferries connecting the city to the southern mainland - the Mtongwe ferry and the Likoni ferry.

### Two British officials held in arms swoop

LONDON (R) - Two British Defence Ministry officials were being held on Friday after large amounts of arms and ammunition were found in raids across the country. "Significant amounts of arms and ammunition have been recovered," a Ministry of Defence spokesman said. "At the moment there is no link with sales to terrorist organisations." The two were arrested on Thursday as a result of an internal investigation by the ministry and inquiries are continuing, the spokensan said. Both worked for the ministry's procurement division in London. Radio reports said the arrests followed two separate investigations, one into irregular arms contracts and another into the theft of weapons due to be disposed of. In a raid on the house of one of the officials in St. Albans, central England, two army trucks were used to take away large quantities of automatic rifles, pistols and ammunition, neighbours told reporters. Other simultaneous raids in Yorkshire, Northeast England, and in Essex, east of London, involved surplus military equipment earmarked for disposal.

### Khmer Rouge wants talks outside Cambodia

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Prospects for holding peace talks have dimmed as the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group said it would attend only if the talks were held at a "neutral" site. Premier Prince Norodom Ranariddh had said earlier this week the talks could not he held outside Cambodia because they concerned the country's internal affairs. Officials made available Friday the text of a letter from Khmer Rouge President Khieu Samphan to King Norodom Sihanouk, who proposed holding the talks next week. The letter, dated Wednesday, said that, "in the current situation in which insecurity reigns throughout Cambodia, only a neutral place can provide conditions for the round-table meeting to proceed in an atmosphere of cordiality, national reconciliation and equality for all Cambodian sides."

### China slams Clinton-Dalai Lama meeting

BEIJING (R) — China on Friday sharply criticised the U.S. president and vice-president for meeting the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, accusing them of a "serious interference" in China's internal affairs. "We demand that the U.S. side live up to its commitments on recognizing Tibet as part of China's territory, abide by the basic norms governing international relations, set store by the overall interests of Sino-U.S. relations and refrain from taking actions interfering in China's internal affairs and burting the feelings of the Chinese people," an angry statement from the Foreign Ministry said. President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore met the Dalai Lama on Thursday and discussed religious and cultural rights in Tibet with the 1989 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, the White House said.

### Israei built a glant 'hummos gun'

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Israel developed a giant peashooter to fire chickpeas up to 40 metres to try to control Palestinians during the early days of the intifada, the army weekly revealed Friday. However, the idea was abandoned by a special military department which studies riot dispersal because it was ineffective, the Bamahane magazine said. Soldiers in the department dubbed the machine, the "hummos gun," after the paste made of chickpeas eaten with virtually every meal in Israel. The army also toyed with the idea of firing glue on protestors to pin them down, but tests were a failure, the department chief Colonel Herzl said. The weekly did not give his family name for security reasons.

### Li signs friendship treaty with Mongolia

ULAN BATOR (AFP) - China and Mongolia signed a landmark treaty of friendship and cooperation here Friday. replacing an obsolete 1960 accord and formalising the basis for future bilateral ties after a 30-year rift. The treaty was signed by visiting Chinese Premier Li Peng and his Mongohan counterpart Puntsajin Jasray. Mr. Li, who described the signing as an "epoch-making event," said the treaty would be formulated into a legally binding document for developing long-term cooperation. The Chinese premier, who arrived here Thursday at the end of a tour of Central Asian states, signed the document following two hours of talks with Mr. Jasray that focused on the development of bilateal relations.

## **Aziz** to visit U.N. in May

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz will come to New York next month for another round of talks on Baghdad's compliance with U.N. resolutions on the scrapping of its weapons of mass destruction and future monitoring of its arms potential.

Amhassador Rolf Ekens, head of the U.N. Special Commission in charge of dismantling Iraqi weapons, told reporters the talks were arranged during a visit to Baghdad from which he has just returned.

A U.N. source said Mr. Aziz was expected to arrive in New York May 10 and would remain until about May 19. His visit would coincide with the Security Conneil's next periodic review on May 17 of Iraq's compliance with the weapons provisions of Gulf war resolutions.

Mr. Ekeus on Thursday cited "positive developments in all areas" and a major breakthrough in identifying foreign suppliers for Iraq's chemical weapons programme.

Mr. Ekens briefed the Security Council on his recent visit to Baghdad. He later told reporters, "I am quite optimistic after my talks in Iraq."
The Gulf war ceasefire says

Iraq again may sell oil once Baghdad has satisfied the conditions relating to the destruction and monitoring of weapons of mass destruction. But the United States and Britain also want to attach

other conditions, including some relating to human rights and the recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty. France and other nonaligned council members say

Iraq can export oil after satisfying the arms control condi-Mr. Ekeus said he was especially pleased that Iraq, which previously withheld information about chemical weapons, recently delivered "a wealth of

new documents ... it was a breakthrough." He later told the Associated Press that the information concerned foreign suppliers of Iraq's chemical weapons prog-

ramme. The information had to he verified, he said. "I can say we have positive

developments in all areas, especially in chemical weapons," he said. Mr. Ekens circulated in the Security Council a joint Iraqi-

U.N. statement saying the two sides "reviewed the considerable progress made... since the last round of high-level talks, held in New York on March 14-19 1994

"They noted that many actions had been undertaken in this period, including inspections to establish the baseline for, and phase in, ongoing monitoring and verification.'

This referred to data regarding Iraqi facilities capable of being used for both civilian and military purposes. Such baseline information is

needed to enable U.N. inspectors to carry out long-term monitoring to ensure Iraq does not again acquire forbidden nuclear, chemical, biological and longer-range ballistic missile weapons.

"Both sides reiterated their commitment to continue and accelerate intensive efforts aimed at reaching their shared objective," the joint statement



AFGHAN PROTEST: A Pakistani policeman on Thursday tries to disperse Afghan women de-moustrators in Islamahad protesting against the

## Arabs have nothing to fear from Israel in common market — study

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Arabs have nothing to fear from Israel in a common market for the Middle East, a Gulf study said Friday, as the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Jewish state signed a landmark economic accord.

But the study by the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said the Arab League's 22 members must first integrate their economies before joining Israel and other countries in a single market.

Although Israel has built a relatively large export-oriented industrial base, its exports are equivalent to less than 10 per cent of total Arab imports, said the study, published in the UAE daily Al Khaleej.

Israel's exports of consumer goods stood at between \$11 and \$12 billion in 1992 while Arah imports of such products exceeded \$40 billion and their total imports have remained above \$100 billion.

Israel's exports of transport equipment stood at \$900 million in 1990 and those of electrical appliances at \$1.6 billion while Arab imports of such products stood at around \$42.6 billion, the study said.

Trade is a key component duct, accounting for nearly 46 per cent in 1991," it said, "but the figures on Israeli exports show that they will have little

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran's rocky relations with Bri-

tain hit a new crisis on Friday

as Tehran angrily denied it

supported the Irish Republican

British Charge d'Affaires Jef-

frey James was summoned to

the Foreign Ministry late

Thursday to he given a "strong

protest" over the charges that

Iran secretly helps the IRA,

which is fighting a bloody cam-paign against British rule in

The foreign ministry director

general for West European

Affairs, Ali Ahani, told the

official IRNA news agency that the charges were "utterly

"We categorically reject re-

ports of collaboration between

Iranian security officials and

the IRA and regard such

allegations as totally ground-

Mr. Ahani slammed British

Iranian Charge d'Affaires

media reports on the row as

"malicious propaganda."

Army (IRA).

Northern Ireland.

less," he said.

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impact on the imports of Arab countries."

In Paris, Israel and the PLO signed a landmark economic agreement on Friday, as part of an overall accord to launch Palestinian self-rule in the

Gaza Strip and Jericho. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, who signed for Israel, urged Arab countries to "remove the walls of economie boycott" and lift the embargo in force since the Jewish state was created in 1948.

None of us can afford economic boycotts," he warned. referring to stiff competition from other regions.

The Shariah study saw benefits for both Arabs and Israel from a common market although the latter would reap more gains given its superior industries.

A free trade zone in the region would give Israel access to new markets and enable it to ensure its needs in oil and other raw materials, according to the study.

In return, Arab states would find a new market for their oil and gas, but their exports of other goods would not rise greatly as the Israeli market is small.

The United States and other countries have proposed a repassing Israel, the Arabs, Turkey and Iran, saying this would bring about prosperity and boost confidence in peace.

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"It's difficult to guess the ontcome of this crisis," said a

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Iran and Britain broke di-

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The latest row threatens to

He denied that Tehran had

IRA row triggers new

But several Arab officials and businessmen have warned such a project would allow Israel to dominate Arab eco-

Gulf Arab states are playing a key role in the multilateral track of the Middle East peace process. Oman bosted talks on water resources last week and Qatar will be the venue for a working session on arms control next week.

In an interview with AFP in Oman, Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said a common market would benefit all parties but stressed the project needed long discussion.
"We believe that the realis-

tic option for Arab states to brace for the Middle East market is to set up a free trade zone," the UAE study said. "Another point is that Israel

has a governmental, institutional, legal and administrative structure that is far superior to that in all Arab countries," it added.

"This should prompt our governments to consolidate democracy in their political and economic systems and revise their policies on education, training, planning and ex-ploitation of resources."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, în an interview newspaper Al Sharq, criticised Arab states, saying they were "not up to the European standards of democracy."

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomcini

issued a religious decree order-

ing Mr. Rushdie's death in

Relations were resumed at

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And there was a fresh outcry

in Britain in February 1993

when spiritual guide Ayatollah'

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They planned instead to con-

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However, the stormy rela-

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### Pope is 'excellent' following surgery

ROME (Agencies) — Pope John Paul II underwent successful surgery on a fractured thighbone Friday after slipping and falling as he got out of his bathtub, doctors at the Gemelh clinic where the pontiff was being treated said.

The Pope, 73, underwent three hours of surgery in what doctors described as a "routine" operation which involved placing a metal pin to help heal the fracture. Clinic Director Emilio Tressalti had told journalists outside the hospital earlier that the Pope's general condition was "optim-al" and there was no need for

concern. "Of course, any operation requires a minimum of precautions, but this type of intervention is rontine for us," he said.

Pope John Paul was taken to the clinic after slipping and fracturing his thighbone as he was getting out of his bathtub Thursday evening.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro insisted that the fall was purely accidental and not due to an ailment.

He said the pontiff, who was to have begun a three-day visit to Sicily Friday, had not lost consciousness "either before or after his fall." Sicilian church officials said the visit was postponed Friday until a later unspecified date.

Dr. Emilio Tresalti said earher surgeons were inserting an artificial replacement for the bead and neck of the fractured

femur, or thigh bone.
"The Pope's general condition is excellent. It is a complicated operation only because of its nature," Dr. Tresalti said.

The Polish-born pontiff, whose dizzying pace of travel around the world has become a trademark of his papacy, was expected to remain m hospital for three to four weeks for rest

and physiotherapy, he added. The accident, the Pope's second fall in six months, inevitably raised concern for his' health, although he managed. to crack a joke as be was

"You have to admire my loyalty," he told staff at the Gemelli, where he has been admitted six times.

\$740 million of that in U.K.

exports to the Islamic republic.

lance and judge the Iranian

government by its actions and not its words," an official said Friday, adding the atmosphere

of Mr. James's dressing-down

"The Iranians denied any

Iranian contacts with the

IRA, took place in several

European countries, officials

said. But British intelligence

believed they unearthed evi-

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In Cairo, U.S. Secretary of

State Warren Christopher said

be was not surprised by Bri-

tain's actions. He expressed

anger at Iran's continuing sup-

porto for "terrorism," a sub-

ject he covered in talks with

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd this week.

weapons changed hands.

kind of relationship with the provisional IRA," another

was "civil."

official said.

"We shall maintain our vigi-

### Diana hints at return to public life

LONDON (R) — Princess D; ana, estranged wife of the beito Britain's throne, has hinted that she may be easing her self-imposed withdrawal from public life. She made a surprise appearance at a function for charity to aid hospices which look after the terminally it. Asked by Britain's Press Association news agency if fam would be seeing more of her in months to come, the Princess of Wales replied, "you may be." Princess Diana announced last December she would be cutting down on her public activities and leading a more private life, devoting extra time to her sons Prince William and Prince Henry. The princess, widely popular despite her separation from Prince Charles, bad been increasingly irritated that her every step was dogged by the media, and on a couple of occasions had shouted at tabloid photographers lying in wait for her. But a Buckingham Palace spokesman south to play down the importance of the appearance. "It would be wrong to read into her acceptance anything definite or specific about the direction of her work in the future," a palace

### Swedish pop star attacked by German fan

spokesman said.

STOCKHOLM (R) — Swed-ish pop star Jenny Berggren, a singer with rock band Ace Of Base, was attacked at her home by a knife-wielding German female fan, the singer said. Berggren, whose group's songs The Sign and Happy Nation have been number one hits around the world this year, was unflarmed in the attack, although her mother received stab wounds to her hand. Berggren told Swedish Television the woman fan had been camped outside her home in Gothenburg, western 'Sweden for two days. Early Wednesday morning woman broke into the house where Berggren lives with her parents and forced the singer to her parents' room, where they overcame the German after a struggie.

### Norwegian North Pole hero welcomed home

OSLO (R) - Norway's frostbitten Boerge Ousland, the first person to reach the North Pole alone and unaided, returned home Thursday to an enthusiastic crowd. "I never made the North Pole bigger than life itself - I never took any unnecessary risks." Mr. Ousland told reporters, clutching his six-year old son Max at Oslo's Airport. "This was an honest trip and maybe one of the last classic challenges left. There are very few white spots on the map when you think in terms of sport achievements," said Mr. Ousland, who was airlifted off the North Pole after a 52-day icy slog. Mr. Ousland, who huilt up fat reserves by drinking a glass of olive oil every day for a year before setting off from Siberia. lost 20 kilos during the trip. His face was frost-bitten. " have never felt so small in all my life as when I was dropped off by the helicopter and left alone in minus 37 Celsius and a strong wind from the south,"
Mr. Ousland said about his first day on the icecap.

## Summary of Israel-PLO economic agreement

income taxes on economic

activities conducted in their

PARIS (AFP) - This is a summary of the main points of the agreement signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) covering economic relations once Palestinian autonomy begins in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, as provided by the Israeli delegation:

### Import policy

Israel and the Palestinian authority will have an import policy basically similar in all respects regarding imports and customs. Nonetheless, the Palestinian authority will be able to import mutually agreed goods at customs rates differing from those prevail-ing in Israel, following jointly agreed import procedures. Moreover, it will be able to import goods from Arab countries, in agreed, limited quantities. Arrangements will be made for the two customs authorities to jointly operate the border crossing in Jericho and Gaza.

Monetary policy

The Palestinian authority

will establish a monetary authority, whose main functions will be the regulating and supervision of the banks operating in the area, the determination within certain limits of the liquidity ratios on deposits, the management of foreign exchange reserves and the supervision of foreign exchange transactions.

The two sides will continue to discuss the possibility of issuing various alternatives of a Palestinian currency. To encourage trade, they will mutually allow the opening of bank branches. Until then, the NIS (Israeli shekel) will continue to constitute a legal means of payment in the autonomy's areas side by side with other currencies.

### Direct taxation

The Palestinian tax administration will conduct its own direct tax policy, including income tax on individuals and corporations, property taxes and municipal rates and fees, according to the policy and the rates determined by the Palestinian authority.

The two parties will collect

respective areas. Israel will transfer to the Palestinian authority 75 per cent of the revenues from the income tax collected from Palestinians employed in Israel. Indirect taxation

A VAT system similar to that operating in Israel will be operated also by the Palestinian authority. The VAT rates of the Palestinian authority will be

between 15 per cent and 16

### Labour

per cent.

Work in Israel is essential for the Palestinians expanding their employment opportunities; the guiding principle in this sphere is to enable mutual movement of labour.

The rights of Palestinian

workers employed in Israel will be preserved according to arrangements existing in Israel, a social security system being established in the meantime by the Palesti-

### Agriculture

Agriculture produce from the autonomy will enter Israel freely, except for five goods on which agreed import quotas have been imposed for five years - tomatoes, cucumbers, potatoes, eggs, and broilers.

### ment of goods manufactured in the area.

Manufacturing

Tourism

ists will move freely between

Israel and the autonomy.

Fuel The price of gasoline in the autonomy will be determined

Israel.

### There will be free move-

A Palestinian tourist administration will be set up to manage subjects related to tourism in the areas of the Palestinian authority. Tour-

Tourist agencies, touring companies and tourist guides will be able to operate "on the other side" provided they satisfy the relevant professional criteria.

according to the autonomy's costs in purchasing it, and the taxes levied on gasoline in the autonomy. The agreement stipulates that the prices of gasoline will not fall short by more than 15 per cent of the maximum gasoline price in

### Insurance

The agreement deals with two main topics. A. The full transfer of the heensing and supervision authority over the insurance business in the areas of the Palestinian authority.

B. An agreement for the compulsory insurance of motor vehicles and the compensation of the victims of road accidents based on:

- The Palestinian authority maintain in its area a system of compulsory insurance of motor vehicles in the form existing in Israel, but with limited compensation.

- Policies issued on the Palestinian authority being valid also in Israel, and victims there being compensated according to the Israeli laws: And Israeli policies being valid in the areas of the Palestinian authority.

### Former clerk jalled for embezziina millions

court has jailed for five years a former bank clerk who embezzled more than 800 million francs (\$135 million) from investors attracted by promises of 30 per cent tax-free returns. Jackie Milesi, convicted of embezziement and illicit banking, was also fined 350,000 francs (\$60,000) and condemned to pay 200 million francs-(\$34 million) in damages. Two accomplices were given sentences of two and a half and two years, both with half of the term suspended. Mr. Milesi, 2 53-year-old charmer who was sentenced Thursday, was estimated to have tricked 2,900 people from pensioners to wealthy investors. The prosecution said that Mr. Milesi, sacked from a bank for embezzlement 21 years ago, used his clients' funds to pay interest to earlier investors in a classic fraud trick. During the trial be admitted the scheme but denied being a crook.

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